

Peres tells Burg: No consensus Labour will oppose autonomy

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter The Labour Party will strenuously oppose the government's autonomy plan, and will continue to stress to the public the dangers inherent in it. Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday told Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who will head the autonomy negotiating team. Burg had invited several Labour Party leaders as well as politicians from other parties to discuss the autonomy plan prior to the opening of talks on the issue. Labour had viewed the invitations as an attempt to create the impression that a national consensus exists on the issue. At their meeting, yesterday Peres told Burg that Labour will not only oppose the autonomy negotiations but it will "loudly proclaim" that there is not a national consensus on the matter. Peres told Burg that the autonomy plan is dangerous no matter what happens. Should the government's plan be accepted, Israel is bound to become a binational state in which Jews could one day find themselves a minority. If the government's ideas are compromised, the autonomy scheme is certain to create the embryo of a Palestinian state, which would pose grave danger to Israel, Peres argued.

Settle Jordan Rift; cease efforts in West Bank—Jewish Agency man

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter An intensive settlement effort should be launched in the Jordan Rift and "all settlements in areas of high Arab concentrations—Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip"—should be halted, so as not to waste precious resources haphazardly. This was advocated yesterday by Prof. Ra'anan Weiss, the long-time chairman of the Jewish Agency World Zionist Organisation Settlement Department and currently its co-chairman together with Herut's Matti Drobless. Weiss told reporters in Jerusalem that he had called a press conference to "cry bravo" over the government's failure to set a clear and sensible list of priorities for settlement in the critical years to come. After having sent a memorandum outlining his ideas to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dujin and Minister Ariel Sharon (chairman of the Ministerial Settlement Committee) on March 28, and having received no response, Weiss said he had to speak out. (Asked to comment by The

Jerusalem Post, a source in the Prime Minister's Office said that Weiss's memo had been received, and that a letter had already been sent. But he would not disclose when Begin's response had been dispatched or what it said. Weiss asserted, "We have reached a moment of truth... a crossroads in the history of Jewish settlement in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. I'm afraid that the government lacks the internal strength to decide... but it must be forced to. If the government continues to settle in an unplanned way, according to an unclear political line, we may endanger all of our past accomplishments in settlement." He advocated the Jordan Valley for first place on the priority list, and the stopping of haphazard efforts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip "as a spokesman for the Labour Party that I represent in the Zionist Executive," he said, adding that the party officially authorized him to say so. "But I say this as a professional in settlement (he joined the Settlement Department in 1988) and not to voice a political view." Instead of setting up lots of small

settlements with a few hundred people each, small cities with at least 5,000 families each must be established. Weiss said. "Anything with fewer people will be only a passing episode," he maintained. The government's policy of setting of "everything everywhere" will lead to nothing but a waste of precious funds and manpower. "This summer is especially critical in the establishment of a permanent chain of settlement down the Jordan Rift, Weiss said, so that it will be ready at the end of autonomy on the West Bank. Lower down on his priority list, but still important, is settlement in the Golan Heights, the Arava and Pithat Shalom (inside the Green Line to the east of the Rafiah Salient). "Unlike the settlements scattered around Judea and Samaria, the 50 Jewish agricultural settlements and seven towns in Galilee are not "passing episodes," he claimed. "In Galilee, at least there is hope that we can do something (to outnumber the Arab population). We are setting up 30 'observation points' as the beginning of settlements to ensure that the land isn't taken over."

C-o-L rise shocks economy

Political and economic leaders were shocked yesterday by the 8.7 per cent rise in the cost-of-living index for April, the third month into the government's latest anti-inflation programme. Earlier in the day

Treasury heads had expected a 6 per cent rise at most. Housing costs — both building inputs and the cost of flats — continued to be one of the most incendiary contributing factors to the inflationary spiral.



A three-year-old boy gets his first haircut yesterday outside the Jerusalem tomb of Simeon the Just, the high priest at the time of Alexander the Great. The Orthodox traditionally bring their children for the haircut on the first Lag Ba'Omer after the boy's third birthday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Jordan holds two Israelis who cross Allenby Bridge

By BERNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter Two Israelis, a Civil Defence (Haga) soldier and a taxi-driver, crossed the Allenby Bridge yesterday, apparently by accident, and were arrested by the Jordanian authorities. Israel had asked the International Red Cross to help in securing their release and return. Two tourists, apparently diplomats, coming from Amman phoned Jerusalem from the bridge yesterday morning and ordered a taxi to take them to Jerusalem. The taxi, driven by Maimon Bar-On of Jerusalem, arrived. In line with normal procedure, it was boarded by a Haga soldier who accompanied it to the bridge where it was to wait for the passengers on the Israeli side. But, for a reason unknown to the Israeli military authorities, the taxi drove straight across and was stopped by Jordanian soldiers on the other side. A military spokesman conjectured, "Perhaps the driver merely wanted to turn his vehicle around."

Sadat claims Soviets behind Arab boycott of Egypt

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday accused the Soviet Union of instigating a worldwide Arab boycott to break relations with Egypt and impose economic sanctions, but he praised the U.S. for its continuous overall support. In a one-hour speech to political and civic leaders in the village of Nakla el-Enab, about 150 kilometers north of Cairo, Sadat emphasized, "The United States only wants our friendship... we will deepen our friendship with them... But the Soviets want to impose their will on us and interfere in our domestic affairs." He said that his Arab enemies, whom he called "dwarfs," had been pushed by the Soviet Union into breaking relations with Egypt. "The Russians continue to impose their six-year-old arms embargo on us and it looks like some of the Arabs will follow in its footsteps and also impose embargoes on us," Sadat said. Most Arab states have broken with Egypt, Sadat said, which was to have paid for 50 F-16 fighters from the U.S., now reportedly is vacillating. "But despite all this Egypt will not kneel... the dogs can bark on whom they will not stop the caravan," he said, adding that his government will continue steps to implement the peace agreement with Israel. The president's remarks were an apparent reference to a decision announced on Monday by Saudi Defence and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz to discontinue the giant Arab Industrial Organization (AIO), whose membership included Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, was established in 1976 and signed contracts with American, French and British firms to manufacture military hardware for Egypt and other Arab countries. On the forthcoming autonomy negotiations, Sadat said, "We will be sitting down to put the Palestinians at the beginning of the right path by means of establishing autonomy for them." Egypt, he added, "will be sitting down to end the sufferings of the Palestinians." Explaining Egypt's position in the negotiations, Sadat said that the Israeli military administration should be abolished immediately after the election of the autonomous authority. Israeli troops should withdraw to specified locations and a Palestinian police force would be established, he said.

90% inflation seen if trend continues

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter The Consumer Price Index rose by 8.7 per cent during April and if prices continue to rise at the rate they have since the beginning of this year, inflation will stand at an annual 88 per cent, a spokesman for the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday. The jump in the April cost-of-living index was the highest recorded since 1982 — barring the months of November 1974 and November 1977, during which massive devaluations were instituted, as was not the case last month. The Consumer Price Index is calculated on a base of 100 which was set in 1976. It now stands at 304.5 — meaning that prices have more than tripled in the past three years. In the first four months of this year prices rose by 23.4 per cent. In the last two years since March 1977, prices have risen by 143 per cent. An official Treasury statement issued after the publication of the C-o-L index yesterday afternoon said the high rise should serve as proof that the cabinet must immediately adopt Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich's latest anti-inflation plan. Well-informed sources in the Bank of Israel told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the Treasury's five-year plan will not help to ease inflation or solve the country's economic problems. The governor of the Bank of Israel will take part in the cabinet meeting next Sunday, and, the sources said, will apparently convey this opinion to the cabinet. The three largest contributing factors to the 8.7 per cent jump in the index were the high price of food, which rose by 8.8 per cent, clothing and shoes, which rose by 14.9 per cent, and housing, which rose by 17.8 per cent. Flats now cost 133 per cent more than they did in April 1978. (See story below) Reuven Karshal of the Central Bureau of Statistics said that the index has jumped by 60.9 per cent in the past 12 months. He said drastic steps were needed to stop the inflationary spiral. The public's buying power must be curtailed and the supply of goods must be increased, he said. Trying to explain the massive rise in prices, the Treasury, as it has during recent months, attributed the jump in the index to one-time factors. During April, the Treasury

TV staff, Labour MKs up in arms over programme chief's dismissal

By JUDY SIEGEL and SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporters One-hundred-and-fifty television journalists and production staff at TV House yesterday sent a petition to every member of the Knesset protesting the Broadcasting Authority board of directors' decision not to re-appoint Mordcheai Kirschenbaum as director of Hebrew programming. Broadcasting Authority board chairman Reuven Yaron found himself under heavy fire from Labour members of the Knesset Education Committee yesterday, where he had to defend his board's action taken on Sunday. The TV employees have circulated the petition, independently of their works committee, condemning the "witchhunt" being conducted by authority director-general Yosef Lapid and others against their colleagues. The journalists' and production staffs' works committee met for several hours yesterday to discuss the matter and have consulted with the Jerusalem Journalists Association. But neither body has yet decided whether to take action and what form it should take. The journalists are angry about the Kirschenbaum incident, charging that his is the latest in a number of dismissals "for political reasons." The board of directors' four-to-two vote against Kirschenbaum on Sunday in support of Lapid's recommendation that his contract not be renewed came as a complete surprise to TV director Arnon Zuckerman, who did not know that the matter was to be raised in the weekly meeting. Zuckerman had proposed that Kirschenbaum's term be extended for another three months to coincide with the end of his own term on September 1. Instead, Lapid brought Kirschenbaum's re-appointment to a vote. Lapid, who took office on April 1, told The Jerusalem Post that Kirschenbaum, who was awarded the Israel Prize a few years ago for his innovative satirical programme Nikul Zosh ("Cleaning the Head") was undoubtedly capable. "But he has a hostile attitude to this institution (the Broadcasting Authority) and doesn't get along with people. One can't force me to work for the next three years with someone with whom I have no common language," Lapid said. The director-general added that the drama department, for which Kirschenbaum is responsible, has been in bad shape, especially in the



Mordcheai Kirschenbaum

last year. He also noted that his predecessor, Yitzhak Livni, had tried to get rid of Kirschenbaum and appoint a new Hebrew programming director last year. An Education and Culture Ministry spokesman said that Minister Zeevulun Hammer had not yet received an appeal of the board's decision that has been presented by Daniel Bloch and Nisim Almog, both Labour Party representatives on the board. Board chairman Yaron, who came to the Knesset Education Committee yesterday to discuss the upcoming documentary series on Zionism, instead found that it was the decision not to renew Kirschenbaum's contract, and possibly that of TV director Arnon Zuckerman as well, that was the central topic of discussion. The offensive was led by the Labour Alignment's committee chairman Ora Namir, who warned that "the Education Committee's attitude towards the Broadcasting Authority will change if this unprecedented style and manner of

personal changes persist." MK Yossi Sarid, who admitted that Kirschenbaum "is a man with certain political opinions," added that "those sacking him are not lacking their either. What is happening here is a purge which does not meet any standards of proper public administration. An unrelenting opinion campaign against the Broadcasting Authority will have to be launched." Labour's Uri Baran noted that Kirschenbaum "in the past liked Labour leaders as well as his own. He took sides often aimed their barbs at them. What is happening now is a one-sided attempt to turn the Broadcasting Authority into a narrow partisan organ." The Democratic Movement's Mordcheai Elgrahl, however, cautioned that the Knesset Committee "must not presume to usurp the role of the authority executive in its personnel decisions." He argued that when Labour was in power there had been many political appointments and dismissals. Liberal Menachem Savidor maintained that during the days of Labour's administration "political purges had abounded, but they generally took place before an official took up his post. Those whose political coloration was not looked upon with favour, were denied the job. In this case," he preceeed, "Kirschenbaum's contract was up and it was a perfectly acceptable decision not to renew it. He was not sacked." Prof. Yaron stressed that he would not agree that authority employees be "classified in two different categories — those who are regarded as apolitical and therefore subject to all professional standards and those who are professionally immune because they are politically-identifiable and hence may not be touched."

Eitan impressed by sincerity in Egypt

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan returned from Egypt yesterday and said that now, after meeting with senior Egyptian officers, he is less fearful that the Egyptians will be drawn into war against Israel if Israel is attacked on its eastern front. Speaking to reporters after landing at Ben-Gurion Airport, Eitan, who was accompanied by the chief of military intelligence, Ahi' Yehoshua Saguy, said the visit was "personally important" for him because of the face-to-face acquaintance he made with his Egyptian counterpart General Ahmed Badawy. "There were sincere, open and very friendly talks. Each side presented its opinions openly without attempt to hide things. This impressed both them and me. This was true also in things in which they find it hard to accept our position. "I personally did not have the feeling that I was talking to people with whom we have fought for 30 years... At the very beginning of our talks I said: 'I'm not talking about the past and the wars. I came to speak of the present and the future.'" The chief of staff said the Egyptians are putting up with much hostility and difficulties in the Arab world because they believe that "this time both sides are working for peace sincerely and with faith." (Itim)

Meshel demands C-o-L compensation in July

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut yesterday threatened labour unrest unless the cost-of-living allowance is increased. In a statement issued yesterday, Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel insisted that the C-o-L allowance be increased in July. Wage-earners should not be forced to wait until October for this increase as provided to the Histadrut agreements with the Government and the private sector's Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, he argued. Moreover, the workers should be compensated for more than 70 per cent of the price rises, as now and "under no circumstances will the Histadrut relent from its unyielding demand" to link income tax brackets to the full cost-of-living index, he said. (At present the income tax brackets are linked to 70 per cent of the rise in the index so that some workers find themselves in high brackets as a result of being compensated for past price rises.) Israel Kessar, the chairman of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, warned that employers' failure to respond "will cause unrest in working places and will disrupt the relative industrial peace." Meshel also criticized the government for planning to raise the prices of public transportation and water. The prices, due to go up tomorrow, will speed inflation possibly up to 100 per cent a year, he warned. Commenting on Finance Minister Ehrlich's new five-year plan to beat inflation, Meshel said: "How can one even talk about what will happen in five years when we are facing a fearful half-year... the government must tell the public what will happen next month, and not what will happen in five years," he declared.

Tel Aviv tops Jerusalem; 'average' flat costs IL1.4m.

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter For the first time in years the average 3 1/2- or four-room flat in Tel Aviv costs more than a similar flat in Jerusalem, according to Central Bureau of Statistics data. Jerusalem has long led the country in the price of flats. During the months of January to March 1979, the average price of a 3 1/2- or four-room flat in Tel Aviv was IL4,638,000. In Jerusalem, the same "average flat" cost IL3,241,000 during that period. During October-December 1978 the average 3 1/2- or four-room flat cost IL4,087,000 in Tel Aviv and IL3,193,000 in Jerusalem. Commenting on the annual rise of 133 per cent in the price of flats, a spokesman for the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday that the price of privately owned or built flats

rose by 25.5 per cent during the last quarter of 1978. The price of publicly owned or publicly built flats rose by 22 per cent during the same quarter. The cheapest flats in the country are to be found in the north where the average 3 1/2- or four-room flat costs IL2,833,000. In Haifa's suburbs the same flat costs IL574,000 while inside the city the price climbs to IL948,000. Sharon flats of the same size cost an average of IL2,888,000 and in the South the price stands at IL728,000.

Herut election

Post Political Reporter Nearly two-thirds of Herut members went to the polls yesterday to elect delegates for this upcoming party convention next month. The results of the polling will not be known until today.

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El-Arish man describes fear of Egyptian retribution

By ABRAHAM RABINOWITZ Jerusalem Post Reporter EL-ARISH. — Ziad closed the window facing the street yesterday as if in keep the sun from fading the new portrait of Anwar Sadat decorating his living-room. "We're all terrified of what will happen when the Egyptians take over," he said. In the shadowed room safe from casual eavesdropping, Ziad, as we are calling him, dismissed with a wave of his hand the near hysterical reception given by El-Arish residents in recent days to Egyptian officials arriving to coordinate the handover of the town by Israel on May 25. "It's all a lie," he said. "Everyone has a picture of Sadat in his house and an Egyptian flag. I do too. But all El-Arish is afraid. We remember what happened in 1956 when anyone who said hello or goodbye to an Israeli (during Israel's four-month occupation) was put in jail. If there was a secret vote today 99 per cent of the population would vote for continuation of Israeli administration." A member of El-Arish's more elite strata, Ziad had had routine commercial dealings with Israelis. "I was not a collaborator and did not help them in security matters. But I did not turn them away when they came for my services. That's against our tradition of hospitality. I also wanted to earn money," he said. The entire population of El-Arish would have cause for concern if the Egyptians choose to interpret contact with Israelis as collaboration. Some 5,000 breadwinners in the population of 40,000 work in Israel, and townspeople have provided numerous services to Israeli soldiers and civilians during the past 12 years. Friendly personal relations are widespread. "I want reporters to ask Sadat when he comes here whether there will be any retribution against El-Arish residents like there was after 1956," said Ziad. "If he says no, I'll feel safe. We trust Sadat. We don't trust the men under him. A father looks after his own children, but uncles aren't always so considerate." Another cause for concern, he said, was economic strictures that might be imposed. "The Israelis are not anxious if a man betters himself. If you add a room to your house they don't ask questions. Egyptian officials look on such things with a narrow eye. They will come and see my living-room, my television, my washing machine, and ask 'Where did you get the money?'" "We never had such freedom as under Israel. The Israelis have one principle — don't do anything to endanger our security. If you abide by that you are free to do as you like."

An Israeli intimately familiar with El-Arish affairs who was present during the interview said afterwards that he was shocked at the candour with which Ziad had spoken. "I know that they feel this way, but I never expected to hear it said openly." If Ziad's attitude is indeed representative of much of El-Arish opinion, then the banners, flags and festive gateway decorating the town become more of irony in view of the fact that they are largely subsidized by the Israeli military government. Mayor Ahmed al-Tanjer said

yesterday that the military government has provided funds for the decoration. The mayor said he expected that he and his six-man council would continue to serve after the Egyptians take over. He admitted, however, that he had not yet been visited by any of the Egyptian officials who have come to El-Arish. At El-Arish airbase, which is being shared by both Israeli and Egyptian personnel, soldiers of the two armies could be seen strolling about yesterday afternoon in adjacent barracks areas in a resort-like atmosphere. A jeepload of Egyptian soldiers stopped at the main gate and asked the Israeli military policeman the whereabouts of some of their comrades. Until the Israelis withdraw the Egyptians can only leave the base with an Israeli military escort.

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Trade Bardawil fish for El-Arish jobs?

By DAVID LANDAU Post Diplomatic Correspondent Israel will seek some quid pro quo from Egypt if workers from El-Arish are permitted to cross the border...

officials said. (The Jerusalem Post has consistently reported that in the initial stages, border crossings are likely to be limited to El-Arish workers and official groups from each country.)

It is not clear yet whether the Egyptian authorities will encourage or permit El-Arish workers to continue at their jobs across the new border.

The quid pro quo that Israel is seeking may not take the form of reciprocal border crossings, the high source explained to The Post yesterday. It could be in the form of fishing rights or fish sales from Bardawil, the well-stocked lagoon near El-Arish.

Officials said the statement was not intended to spur the Egyptians, but rather as a bit to rein in headlong expectations in some Israeli quarters that large-scale border crossings were imminent.

Travel agents and their clients had made preparations. The Foreign Ministry was inundated with queries and even some government departments seemed (mistakenly) to feel that the normalization was about to materialize all at once, the

No fresh food: Curfew in W. Bank camp

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter No fresh food, including fruit, vegetables and milk, is allowed into Jalazun refugee camp near Ramallah, where 4,000 people have been living under curfew since May 6 when stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles.

A spokesman for the West Bank military government confirmed to The Jerusalem Post last night that the only food allowed into the camp is flour, delivered by officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

The camp residents received flour rations yesterday morning when they were permitted to leave their homes during the daily two-hour break in the curfew.

Arab sources familiar with the camp told The Post earlier this week that the residents' problems include lack of fresh water and food and faulty sewage disposal.

They reportedly are a large number of small children, pregnant women and nursing mothers in the camp. It is not possible to corroborate these reports, because the military government refuses to allow reporters into Jalazun.

The spokesman told The Post, in reply to these claims, that a representative of the military government is in the camp and that residents can approach him with problems. Anyone requiring medical treatment outside Jalazun is permitted to leave, he added.

On Sunday, the spokesman said, representatives of the Red Cross visited the camp and were told by residents that the situation was satisfactory. He reiterated, however, that nothing except flour is allowed into Jalazun.

The curfew at Ayda camp, west of Bethlehem, also continued yesterday. It was imposed a week ago after attacks on Israeli vehicles in the vicinity. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Fakhri announced to the town's municipal council on Monday that the "collective punishment" and "chained" that the humiliation of the population will only breed further tension and hatred.

IN THE KNESSET Burg: J'lem not on autonomy agenda

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN Post Knesset Reporter Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday said that the subject of Jerusalem could not be discussed in the context of negotiations on autonomy.

He said this in the Knesset when replying to three motions for the agenda inspired by the recent statement of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders that the negotiations over the future of Jerusalem would take place in the context of the negotiations over the West Bank and Gaza.

Burg heads both the ministerial committee on autonomy and the ministerial committee on Jerusalem. His statement that Jerusalem could not be a subject for discussion in the autonomy negotiations came as he was about to step down from the podium after having completed his speech.

At that point, Geula Cohen (Likud-Herut), dissatisfied with Burg's reply, called out: "We don't want statements about a united Jerusalem." The question is: Is Jerusalem a subject for negotiation in the autonomy talks or in any other

talks? The motions were presented by Zelman Shoval (Likud-La'am), Haim Druckman (National Religious Party) and Binyamin Halevi (Democratic Movement). Shoval said that while Jerusalem did not appear on the formal agenda of the autonomy negotiations, and while Israel should certainly not agree to its inclusion, it was clear that this would be one of the most important issues facing Israel in the next few years.

It was important, Shoval said, that the Arabs of Jerusalem should have a sense of their uniqueness as an Arab group living in a city so important to Islam. Israel should initiate ideas that would give both formal and substantive recognition to this fact.

Rabbi Druckman urged the Knesset to adopt a resolution declaring that Jerusalem is not negotiable. He also proposed that May 28 — Jerusalem Liberation Day — be proclaimed a national holiday.

Halevi pointed out that Prime Minister Begin's insistence on the phrase Judea and Samaria in his explanatory letter appended to the Camp David agreements was no

mere semantic quibbling, but has important legal significance. For while the term "West Bank" may include East Jerusalem, "Judea and Samaria" certainly does not. Shoval said in his reply that he decidedly does not accept the statements about the future of East Jerusalem that have been emanating from Washington and Cairo.

No other people is so linked to Jerusalem as has been the case since 1967, and Israel would continue to keep Jerusalem open to adherents of all religions.

He repeated the government announcement of May 6 that Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Israel and is indivisible.

Uri Avnery (Shel) and Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front) moved that the motions be struck from the agenda. Avnery said that the policy of denying the rights of the Arabs in Jerusalem would lead to the repatriation of the city.

The motions were referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Senate c'tee confirms Cutler, Atherton New U.S. envoy to Iran to defend minorities

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The newly appointed U.S. ambassador to Iran was instructed yesterday by members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to be firm in defending the rights of Jews and other minorities under the Islamic government.

Walter Cutler appeared before the committee together with Alfred Atherton, ambassador designate to Egypt. By a 9-to-0 vote, the panel confirmed President Jimmy Carter's nomination of the two career foreign service officers for the key Middle Eastern posts.

"We don't want you to pussyfoot around and walk on tiptoes in the face of outrageous violations of human decency and human rights," said Jacob Javits (Republican of New York), ranking minority member on the panel, during confirmation hearings for Cutler.

Sen. Richard Stone (Democrat of Florida), chairman of the subcommittee on the Middle East, warned that "a number of us in Congress and the country would not stand by and passively accept a spreading attempt at genocide."

Stone, Javits and other members of the panel expressed their outrage over last week's summary trial and execution of Hahh Elghanian, a prominent member of the Iranian Jewish community, on charges of supporting Israel and Zionism.

Cutler expressed fear that the execution of Elghanian would not remain an isolated incident aimed at leaders of the Jewish community in Iran.

Atherton, who was repeatedly praised by members of the committee, said the U.S. was still continuing negotiations with Saudi Arabia on the financing of the \$0.5-billion F-15 jet fighters for Egypt purchased last year.

The Saudis are threatening not to provide the \$250 million for the sale because of their opposition to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Atherton noted that the best way of reversing Arab hostility to the treaty was to demonstrate in the coming months that progress can be achieved on the Palestinian issue.

In an unusual demonstration of Atherton's popularity, Senators Frank Church (Democrat of Idaho), chairman of the panel, and Javits introduced a resolution noting the "sense of the Senate that Ambassador Atherton is to be commended for his outstanding service to the nation."



A bulldozer works at the Shuafat site of the new 25,000-seat Jerusalem sports stadium. The stadium was originally included in the public building construction freeze ordered by the government, after pressure from Agudat Yisrael which charged the government to the stadium is through religious neighborhoods. But counter-pressure from the municipality and other stadium supporters convinced the government to authorize the construction. Optimistic estimates say the sports complex will be completed in four years. (Rabbinat Israel)

Gun-wielding settlers force Arabs to remove roadblock

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter Settlers from the Gush Emunim outpost at Neve Tzuf forced residents of Bir Zeit to remove a barrier of stones on the main road to Ramallah yesterday morning by firing shots into the air. It was the most serious incident in a generally trouble-free May 16 in the administered territories.

Arab leaders in the West Bank decided to hold what they called a "general strike" about two weeks ago, but large-scale protests to mark the civil date of the establishment of modern Israel in 1948 failed to materialize.

Security forces maintained a high but unobtrusive profile throughout the territories to meet any possible outbreak of trouble. Tension has been high recently, especially in the Hebron area and around Bir Zeit, where the university has been closed "until further notice" since demonstrations and the shooting of a student on May 2.

In yesterday's Bir Zeit incident, two carloads of women and children from Neve Tzuf encountered stone-throwing and a makeshift barrier set up by local Arabs. They returned to the settlement to call for male reinforcements. When the men arrived in the town they fired shots into the air and forced Arab workers to clear the road. There were no injuries.

Eyewitnesses told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the settlers blocked the road with their pick-up truck until security forces arrived at about 11 a.m.

In other incidents yesterday stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles at the entrance to Ramallah and high school students in Ramallah, El-Bira, Nahlus, Bethlehem, and near Beit Sahur refused to enter their classrooms during the morning and stayed in the school playgrounds.

In Nahlus, Bethlehem, Hebron, and Safit some shopkeepers kept their businesses closed for a few hours during the morning in what eyewitnesses described as a "symbolic protest" but reopened later. A military government spokesman told The Post last night that there was no "direct intervention" by security forces.

The military government yesterday decided to impose punitive measures on the residents of Bir Zeit, him reports. Local residents are no longer allowed to go abroad, even via the Jordan River bridges, and may not invite relatives to visit them during the summer.

'Tangible results' due soon after Assad-Sarkis meeting

BEIRUT (AP). — The presidents of Lebanon and Syria reached tentative agreement yesterday on means to ease domestic tensions in post-civil-war Lebanon and cope with spiraling violence between Israeli and Palestinian terrorists, officials here said.

They leaked the report after Lebanese President Elias Sarkis returned to his hilltop palace overlooking the Beirut sea from two days of summit talks in Damascus with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Lebanese officials said the presidents also reached agreement on guidelines for national reconciliation between right-wing Christians and leftist Moslems who fought Lebanon's 1976-78 civil war. Yasser Arafat's PLO sided with the leftists.

Both leaders pronounced the talks successful on all issues discussed. They made the statement to reporters before Sarkis left Damascus for Beirut.

Specifics were not made public. Officials here said "tangible results will begin appearing" after a cabinet session in Beirut today.

There was no word whether Lebanese Prime Minister Selim al-Hoss, a 50-year-old banker-turned-politician, was still determined today to tender the resignation of his eight-man government of technocrats to Sarkis.

Hoss told reporters in Damascus that he would bow out to make way for a government of politicians that might be able to bring about "national solace."

Arafat's PLO, meanwhile, ordered terrorist forces on maximum alert throughout western Beirut and strongholds in northern and southern Lebanon to brace for another Israeli reprisal, PLO sources said.

The measure followed Israeli vows of vengeance after a PLO-planted bomb killed two and wounded 32 in Tiberias on Monday.

T.A. fetes anniversary Lag Ba'Omer

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv's main streets were filled yesterday evening with thousands of scouts marching towards Kikar Machele Yisrael to celebrate Lag Ba'Omer and honour their city's 70th anniversary.

About 7 p.m., some 5,000 uniformed girl and boy scouts, colourful kerchiefs round their necks to identify their respective "tribes," poured into the municipal square and began a series of close order drills.

Behind the central state set up in the square, the words "Tel Aviv is 70 years old" and a giant dove blazed against the evening sky, eliciting cries of appreciation from the watching crowds. The caption and dove were made out of burlap during the morning hours.

The scouts gave a performance dedicated to Tel Aviv and the era of peace, and presented Mayor Shlomo Lahat with a letter of congratulation. He crowed then joined in celebrating Lag Ba'Omer with folk dancing in the spacious square.

Participants told The Jerusalem Post that they had not seen such a celebration in years. "It must be peace, which makes people feel happier," said 14-year-old Tamar Rubin, who joined the dancing scouts with her seven-year-old brother.

Knesset debates work for the elderly

Post Knesset Reporter Verd' composed his opera "Otello" when he was 73, Picasso was at the height of his creative powers in his seventies and eighties, and Marc Chagall is still going strong at 92.

So said Hillel Seidel (Likud-Hadut), in the Knesset yesterday, in a debate on the employment of the elderly. He argued that the elderly can function productively, to their own benefit and that of society.

He noted that the Council of Europe recently discussed the problem, in view of the fact that the life expectancy in most European countries is expected to rise to 74.1 within the next 20 years.

Seidel urged the Knesset to adopt a law on the council's proposals, which include the following: Making more jobs available to the elderly by financial encouragement; flexible plans that would enable late retirement, or partial employment; and fixing different retirement ages for different occupations.

The debate was cut off in the middle, and will be resumed.

Republican senator attacks Carter's Mideast policies

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — For the second consecutive year, U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his Middle East policies came under severe criticism from a Republican senator at the annual policy conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the pro-Israel lobbying organization on Capitol Hill.

Despite the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, Sen. Robert Packwood of Oregon, the chairman of the Republican conference in the Senate, accused Carter as Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders, by name, of undermining Israel's negotiating position during the forthcoming West Bank and Gaza Strip autonomy negotiations.

Carter was not present during the dinner at the capitol's Hilton, but his chief political aide, Hamilton Jordan, as well as Saunders, were there, sitting passively on the dias as Packwood lashed out against the administration's criticism of Israel's settlements on the West Bank and its retaliatory strikes against Palestinian strongholds in Southern Lebanon.

At last year's dinner, Sen. Lowell Weicker (Republican of Connecticut) attacked national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, by name, forcing White House counsel Robert Lipshutz to take the podium and to come to Brzezinski's defence.

At Monday's dinner, there was considerable uneasiness during

Packwood's speech, although there was no public response to Packwood from any of the administration officials on the dias or from Senate majority whip Alan Cranston of California, the other Congressional speaker on the programme.

Packwood received a rousing standing ovation from most of the 1,000 AIPAC members at the dinner, although some said they were embarrassed by his decision to attack Carter and Saunders by name. Specifically, Packwood accused Saunders of "promising" Jordan and the Palestinians all of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip during a visit to the area following the Camp David agreement last fall.

Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, another speaker, stood during the standing ovation for Packwood as did most of the other Jewish leaders on the dias. Ambassador Ephraim Evron, seated next to Saunders, awkwardly rose but only briefly. Jordan and Saunders, looking gloomy, remained seated.

The incident, like last year's confrontation between the White House and Weicker, briefly became the talk of the town.

Meeting with Israeli reporters here Tuesday, Tamir said he was favourably impressed by the new U.S. Middle East envoy Robert Strauss, with whom he met for nearly an hour on Monday. Tamir said Strauss had "great strength, considerable experience, and the strong backing of the president."

The World Jewish Congress extends heartfelt condolences to Dr. Natan Lerner, Executive Director, Israel Branch at the passing of his father

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The Weather at Main



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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday received members of the Israel Oriental Society.

The acting speaker of the Knesset, MK Moshe Meron, yesterday received the Mayor of Nairobi and Mrs. Ngumbi.

Representatives of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation yesterday presented Premier Menahem Begin with the first set of the "peace" medal series. A similar presentation will be made to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in El-Arish.

The 120th anniversary of the birth of Shalom Aleichem will be marked on Sunday, May 30, 1979, at Beit Shalom Aleichem, Tel Aviv, with an evening of talks and readings from his works beginning at 8.30 p.m.

Kfar Silver agricultural and technical high school yesterday inaugurated a memorial garden commemorating the four members of its ninth graduating class, Ilan Barzin, Ely Gureta, Uri Heckman, and Yossi Shilansky, who fell in the line of duty.

Haifa city engineer Simha Schwartz will speak on Haifa's future plans at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at one o'clock today.

ARRIVALS

The president of the German Federal Republic's Court of Audit, Karl Witzrock, as guest of State Comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl. Philip Klotnick, president of the World Jewish Congress, from New York. The chairman of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University, Dr. E. Seidler, and his wife, for the annual meeting of the board and the inauguration of the Merimter and Raymond Seidler Institute for Advanced Studies. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cummings, from Canada; Nizza Drori, executive vice-president of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University; John Wilcox, from the U.S.; Mr. and Mrs. F. Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Sattin; Isaac Roehy, chairman of the Australian Friends of Tel Aviv University — for the annual meeting of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University.

Israel beats Argentina in basketball 86-68

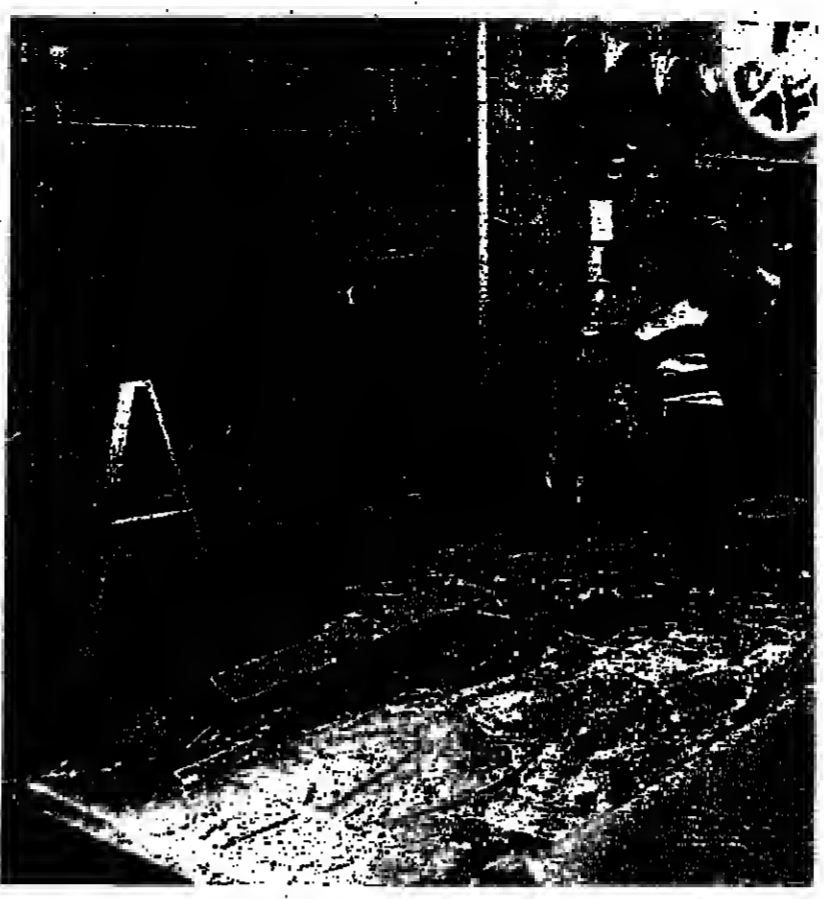
Post Sports Reporter HAIFA. — Israel's national basketball team beat Argentina 86 to 68 last night in an intercontinental Cup encounter here. The score at half-time was 34 to 26 in Israel's favour. Two thousand fans came out and saw Israel jump out to a 10-2 lead as the Argentinians had trouble getting started. The visitors tried to slow the game down, with the result being a relatively low 34-26 half-time score. After the intermission, the Israelis utilized their superior speed to go ahead 59 to 39 mid-way through the half. The Argentinians made a final run at Israel, closing the gap to 71-61, but they never really threatened the home team.

Amnesty prints samizdat account of Jewish dissident court cases

By HYAM CORNEY Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Previously unavailable details of the political trials that took place in the Soviet Union last year...

hooliganism and treason. All 13 have been adopted by Amnesty International as "Prisoners of Conscience."

trial of Ida Nudel. It relates how her neighbours complained to the police that her behaviour was "a disgrace to the name Soviet citizen."



CRASH. — The Comfort shoe store on Jerusalem's Behov Yehuda had its plate-glass window smashed yesterday by a car that rolled into it.

Subleasing farmland for housing is illegal

The Knesset Finance Committee on Monday approved a regulation that a farmer who leased state land cannot sublease the land for housing.

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Finance workers walk out: 'paraplegics prevent work'

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter The Finance Ministry ceased operations yesterday as workers walked out in protest against the continued occupation of the building...

government negotiators had offered substantial concessions to the paraplegics, amounting to IL200m. on top of the IL800m. they already receive in benefits of various kinds.

Samaria settlement plan upsets ecologists

By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter A proposed settlement in Samaria is running into opposition. But, for a change, the protesters are concerned with trees and not politics.

the land. Surely part of this is a will to preserve the natural beauty." He explained that Samaria is intensely settled and cultivated.

Nature Reserves Authority to endorse the plan. In reply to a query from The Jerusalem Post, Yehiam Padan, a leading member of the B'nai Brith group, insisted that the members were adamant about making their homes in the forest.

Weizman: Israel won't let up in anti-terror fight

By YA'ACOV FREIDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — Israel will not relent in its fight against the terrorists despite the "obstacles of tortuous international politics," Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said yesterday at the Technion graduation ceremonies.

Negev civilian build-up that is due in the wake of the Sinai withdrawal. "I say your vital role in Israel, rather than California," Weizman told the graduates, who included 478 women, 15 Arab and Druze graduates, 153 foreign students, and 42 war invalids.

Breeders offer Egypt 1,000 tons of fish

HAIFA. — The Fish Breeders Union yesterday told The Jerusalem Post it was prepared to send an immediate supply of 1,000 tons of pond fish to Egypt, at a price far below those fetched in Europe by the catches of the Bardawil, Sinai fishermen.

continue marketing some of their catches in Israel. "Our members have always regarded the Sinai fish as competition to their own," acting union secretary Itamar Katz told The Post.

Veterans mark British Habonim jubilee

By ALAN ELSEN Jerusalem Post Reporter Kfar Sava. — The Beit Berl seminar and recreation centre here was like Little England yesterday as hundreds of old and young members of Habonim, the Zionist youth movement founded in London in 1929, converged to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The convention was joined by President Yitzhak Navon and British Ambassador John Mason, who came "bearing greetings from the queen, the British government and the entire Jewish people."

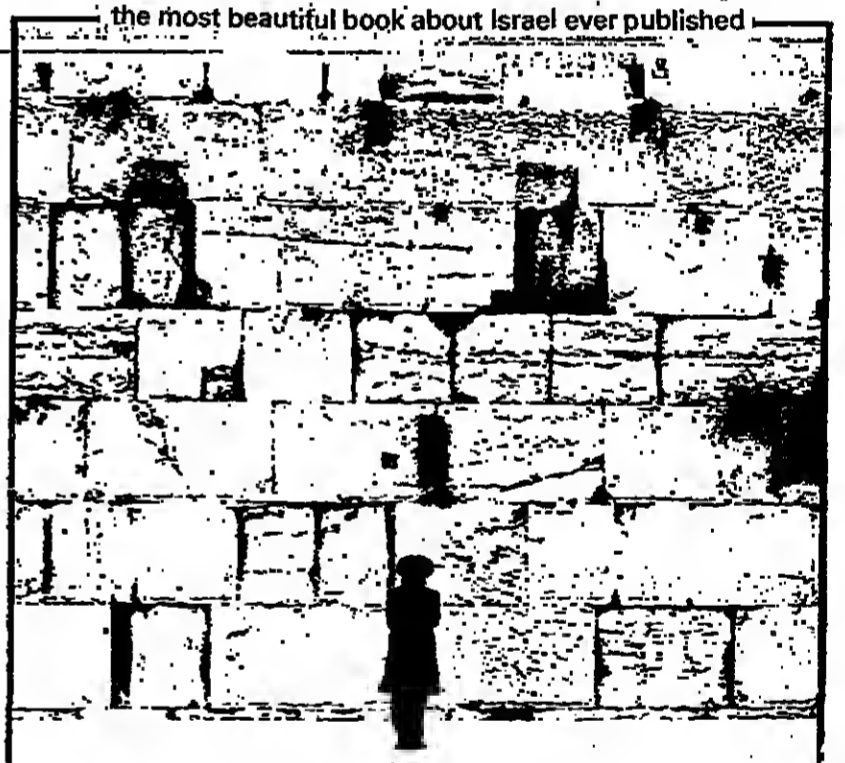
No injuries in 1st Israel-Egypt crash

EL-ARISH. — An Egyptian army lorry carrying supplies into town crashed yesterday into an Israeli army truck evading supplies in the first peace-time clash between the two armies in this coastal town.

Levy vows punishment for Tiberias bomb terrorists

TIBERIAS. — Construction Minister David Levy vowed yesterday that Israelis would punish the men who laid the bomb in Tiberias which killed two teenagers on Monday.

yesterday include four whose injuries are described as serious. Rambam Hospital yesterday told The Jerusalem Post that there is no improvement in their condition.



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New credit arrangement for farmers

Post Economic Reporter The ministers of agriculture and finance, together with the governor of the Bank of Israel, have decided to establish a committee that will allocate some IL2.5b. in credit to farmers.

replace the short-term credit lines that farmers used to finance long-term investments. At first, some IL170m., at 33 per cent interest, will be allocated.

Adam to explain Litani rap again

Post Knesset Reporter Deputy Chief of Staff Ahuf Yekutiel Adam's explanations about the state committee's criticism of the conduct of the Litani Campaign were deemed unsatisfactory by the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

Peres predicts Palestinians will talk

PARIS (Reuters). — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres believes a strong possibility exists that Palestinian leaders willing to negotiate a settlement with Israel will emerge, according to an interview published here yesterday.

with Israel. "Many Palestinians have begun to think differently from their leaders since peace was reached with Egypt. There are good chances of finding Palestinian leaders ready to negotiate seriously," he said.

Ta's workers threaten strike

Jerusalem Post Staff Employees of the Ramat Hasharon Military Industries (Ta's) plant, where an explosion occurred last week, have threatened a nationwide Ta's strike if the plant is moved from the Tel Aviv suburb to the Negev. This was reported by Israel Radio last night.

of their town. In the recent explosion, hundreds of local homes suffered damage. While a Knesset subcommittee responsible for the Military Industries yesterday met to discuss last week's explosion, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and several top officials met with the national council of Military Industries workers.

Woman accused of evading army service

A woman studying at a Jerusalem teachers' seminary has been indicted in Jerusalem District Court on charges of evading military service through a false declaration that she was religious.

Sheli sends Burg its autonomy plan

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter Representatives of the two-member Knesset Sheli faction yesterday unveiled their movement's plan for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

government's six-member autonomy negotiating team. The speakers conceded that there was little chance that their proposal would be adopted, but warned that if the plan or one similar to it did not form the basis of the official Israeli position, then not only the autonomy talks but also the whole peace process with Egypt would collapse.

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Hadassah appoints adviser for patients

Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital yesterday announced the appointment of a patients' representative to help the institution's clients in their dealings with the staff.

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Thatcher's new programme heavy on fiscal reforms

LONDON. — Britain's new Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday announced a heavy legislative programme aimed at putting the country into a more right-wing course.

Iran bans Arab nationalists after weekend Gulf rioting

TEHRAN (UPI). — The government yesterday decided to dissolve all Arab nationalist groups and disarm their members in the oil-rich southern province of Khuzestan after weekend clashes between government militiamen and Arab Sunnis.

Witness: Thorpe planned two murders

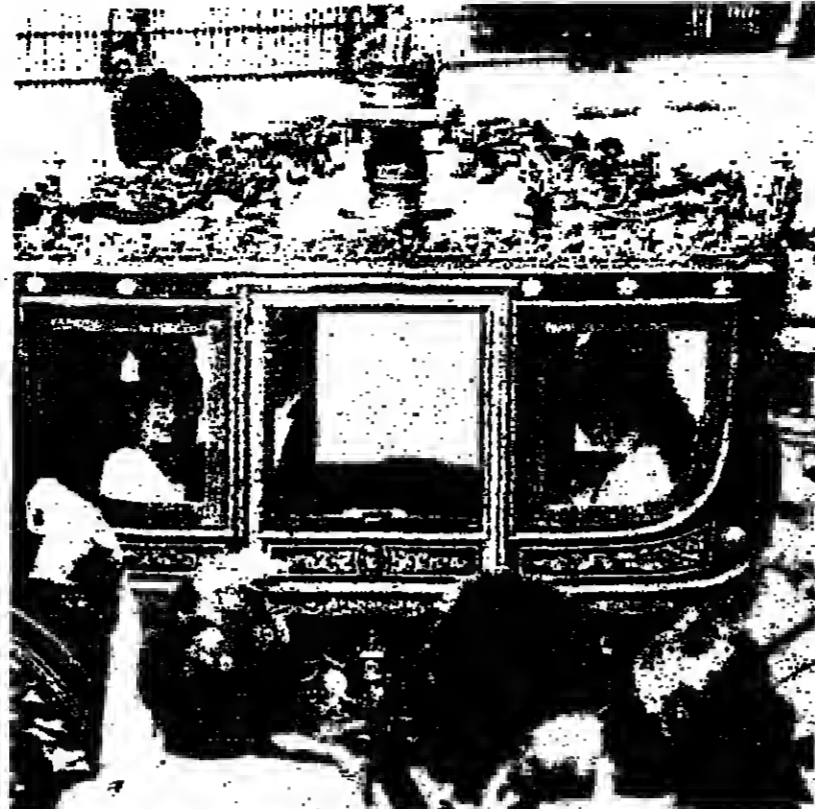
LONDON (Reuters). — A startled court yesterday heard an allegation that former Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe proposed not one but two murders.

Jordanian minister returns from Moscow

AMMAN (UPI). — Jordan's minister of state for foreign affairs says his talks over the weekend with Soviet leaders were positive and covered improving relations between the two states.

Tremor shakes Crete

ATHENS (UPI). — A strong tremor centred in the eastern Mediterranean shook the popular Greek vacation island of Crete early yesterday but no damage was reported.



Queen Elizabeth II and her daughter, Princess Anne, en route to Parliament yesterday where the queen read an address outlining the policies of the new Tory government. (UPI telephoto)

Refugee conclave offers aid to swamped Thais, Malays

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP). — Thailand and Malaysia, countries hardest hit by the flow of humanity out of Indochina, were promised favoured treatment at a refugee conference yesterday.

Anti-terror troops posted around Rome

ROME (UPI). — The first 800 of 10,000 infantrymen assigned to guard public installations against continuing terrorist violence fanned out in the Rome province yesterday as fire and bombing attacks continued.

Kuwait calls oil hike 'inevitable' this year

KUWAIT (AP). — Kuwait's Oil Minister Shukh al-Khalifa al-Sabah yesterday warned that "a substantial increase" in the price of oil will become inevitable in the fourth quarter of the year.

Kenya denies ties with Rhodesia gov't

NAIROBI (UPI). — Foreign Minister Munyua Wajaki said yesterday that Kenya would not enter into any talks with the new black government of Rhodesia.

Institute for Strategic Studies assesses the world scene London think-tank commends UNIFIL

By HYAM CORNEY Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — The example set by the UN Truce Force in Lebanon could "encourage Israel to consider the use of UN forces as a significant part of a Middle East settlement," according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

terminal reorganization is necessary if increased responsibilities are to be effectively handled. There is, for example, no secretariat, no staff, no plan, no advance planning, nor even retrospectively considered mundane yet vital operational and logistic factors.

Soviet space success; fear of Skylab disaster

MOSCOW. — An unmanned cargo spacecraft yesterday delivered vital supplies and a tulip to two cosmonauts aboard the Salyut-6 space station a month after a manned craft failed in a docking attempt.

Socialists, PLO meet in Athens

ATHENS (Reuters). — Socialist Party delegates from 14 Mediterranean countries, and representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization, opened a four-day conference yesterday.

Ghali: Egypt cannot be isolated

PARIS (Reuters). — Egypt has one million technicians working in Arab countries and cannot be isolated from the Arab world, Egyptian Minister of State Butros Ghali said in an interview published here yesterday.

Libya offers \$40m. for Uganda POWs

NAIROBI (UPI). — Libya has agreed to ransom scores of its troops captured by Tanzania in the ongoing war in Uganda. Press and diplomatic reports said yesterday.

India cyclone kills 350, heat wave 118

NEW DELHI. — The official death toll in the weekend cyclone that devastated the coast of the southeast Indian state of Andhra Pradesh rose to 350 yesterday.

Advertisement for a play titled 'The Killing of Sister George' by Frank Marcus, directed by Dov Fisher. It is being performed at the Z.O.A. House Auditorium.

Advertisement for the 'English Teachers' Journal' published by the Ministry of Education and Culture. It is the 21st issue of the journal.

Advertisement for 'envelopes & letterheads?' and 'insty-prints'. It offers various stationery items and printing services.

Advertisement for a 'SALE' of a flat and plot in Ganei Yehoda, near Sarayon. It includes details about the property and contact information.

Advertisement from the Rishon LeZion Municipality regarding 'Warning - Land Sales'. It informs citizens about agricultural land being sold for residential use.

Advertisement from the Ministry of the Interior regarding the 'Display of Voters' Rolls'. It states that voter rolls are being displayed for public inspection.

Advertisement for 'ARIEL'S TALKSHOW "MIRACLE"'. It features Michael Lorimer and is broadcast on Cyprus Radio.

Where has the petrol gone?

By WOLF BLITZER/Jerusalem Post Washington Correspondent

THERE IS A widespread belief here that the current fuel shortage has been manipulated by the oil firms to increase their profits.

This resentment was underscored sharply by Senate minority leader Howard Baker (R. Tenn.) on Sunday when he told a nationwide television interview programme that the oil companies better be careful in the days and weeks ahead.

Baker warned that unless the oil companies increase their domestic output by plowing back more of their profits into production, the American people and the Congress will react bitterly. One dire possibility mentioned by Baker was nationalization.

But the oil companies are not alone in receiving blame. The Carter administration, especially Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, is widely perceived as impotent in combating the oil companies.

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), a possible challenger for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination next year, is continuing his public feud against President Carter's latest energy proposal. Addressing the primarily black graduating class at Howard University here on Saturday, Kennedy suggested that poor people will suffer most under the President's programme.

Together with continuing double-digit inflation, the energy crisis will probably determine the 1980 Democratic nomination as well as the eventual winner in the overall election. These are bread-and-butter issues affecting voters' pocketbooks.

AS NEARLY all political observers here now recognize, Carter's performance on these issues makes him

vulnerable next year. Every political hopeful, in both parties, will be taking pot shots at him from now on.

The president and his advisers acknowledge that the problem is before them. They know that how they respond will determine their political fate.

One aspect of the problem is America's unshakable love affair with the automobile. Despite the doubling of the price of petrol since 1973, consumption has actually increased. In Southern California, it has jumped seven per cent during the past year alone. Drivers are reluctant to conserve, form car pools or shift to mass transportation.

But that alone should not have resulted in the long lines for petrol. Independent oil experts insist that there is actually an oil "glut" on the world market, despite the fact that Iran is producing at only two-thirds its pre-revolutionary capacity.

Yet the "glut" is not manifesting itself at the pumps. Those who believe that the oil companies are stage-managing the shortage explain it this way: The current domestic oil price, still under U.S. governmental control, is set at around \$7 a barrel. The standard international price is about twice that. And the "spot" price for short-term commitments has reportedly reached \$28 a barrel.

The oil companies' first objective, therefore, is to remove the controls on the domestic price.

Their contention is that decontrol will encourage domestic production, currently operating well below full capacity. They realize that removal of the controls will significantly raise the domestic price to the international price. That means further profits.

CARTER'S energy proposal includes decontrol, but he has also attached a "windfall" profits tax designed to limit profits.

Yet lawmakers, like Kennedy, believe the tax is ineffective. And there are no assurances the oil companies will increase their domestic output even after decontrol.

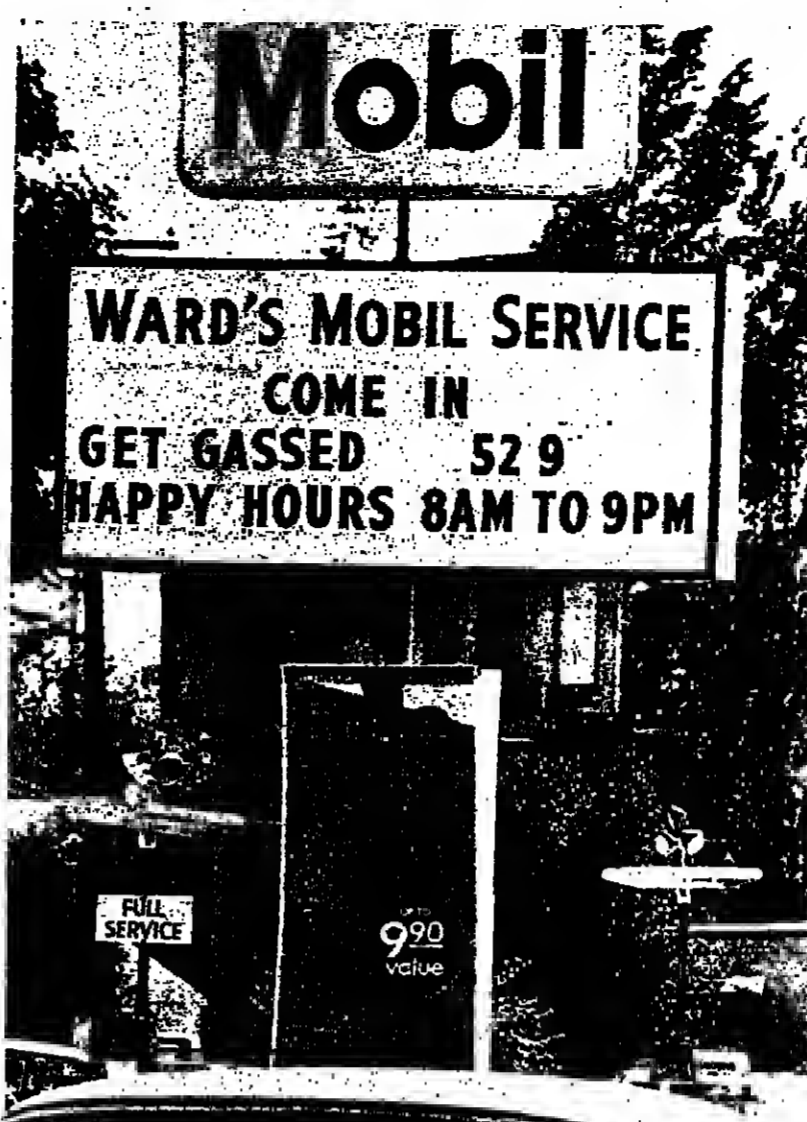
Senators from oil-producing states, like Texas and Oklahoma, support the oil companies' demand for no windfall profits tax at all. They still have a lot of clout.

Aggravating the problem is the continuing refusal by politically-active environmentalists to approve the completion of the Alaska oil pipeline or to expand offshore production, measures which would dramatically increase domestic supplies and reduce dependence on unreliable foreign sources.

The energy crisis is not directly related to the Arab-Israeli conflict. But Saudi Arabia, Iran and other Arab oil-producing states are trying to capitalize on it. In recent days, they have cut their supplies to the U.S., hinting that their opposition to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty is the reason why.

Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki al-Hamad, appearing in a CBS news interview on Sunday evening, suggested that Saudi Arabia now wants to increase its shipments to Third-World states, such as Bangladesh. He recommended that Americans practice more conservation.

Given the intimate relationship between the oil companies and the companies that own the pipelines, it is not surprising that during the oil embargo — one could reasonably suspect some complicity again.



In the old days when American petrol stations fought fiercely for customers, some resorted to gimmicks such as the offer shown above at a gas station in Vancouver, Washington: free film development with an oil and filter change and one could, tongue-in-cheek, "get gassed" (intoxicated) since "happy hour" (cocktail time) lasted all day.

PRINTING BY XEROX Russians pay dearly for American novels

By NIKKI FINKE/Moscow

E.L. DOCTOROW'S American best-seller "Ragtime" is the hottest book in Moscow right now. In fact, it's too hot for Soviet authorities to handle — but not for the thriving black market.

Writers here say the Communist Party's Central Committee has denounced the novel as pornographic in what is being whispered as a new government crackdown on U.S. books available in translation.

The decision, secretly made last month, puts the book into the underground market in pirated books — especially new American novels — where bestsellers bring anywhere from \$45 to \$150.

"It's a business," a Soviet writer explained. "Anyone who wants to read American books can get them this way."

The pirating is done by Russians who have access to copying machines, like Xerox, which are heavily controlled. The prices are a healthy chunk in a country where the average monthly salary is \$240.

One enterprising Muscovite is known to have collected 8,000 popular books from abroad just to reproduce and sell them.

There are also recent graduates of Moscow language institutes who sit at typewriters most of the day and translate U.S. books, like Mario Puzo's "The Godfather." Some Soviets go to the apartments of translators to hear the books read in Russian. Many writers say they were able to "read" the works of Vladimir Nabokov this way.

The Xerox copies of U.S. books appeared on the Moscow scene only in the last three years, writers say, now that bound novels sold on the black market have become scarce.

The typical Moscow bookstore is stocked with copies of Angela Davis's autobiography — and little else American.

BUYERS who show a hedge from the elite writer's union can browse through a special tiny bookstore in central Moscow that occasionally has U.S. works for sale. In recent years, writers have seen Arthur Hailey's "Airport," Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood," and Robert Penn Warren's "All the King's Men," as well as works by science fiction writers Isaac Asimov and Ray Bradbury.

The editors of important Soviet journals, as well as Soviet publishers and their aides, have special reading privileges. They receive a list of U.S. books available in translation and merely underline the novels they want to read.

At the first international book fair held in Moscow in 1977, Soviet publishers bought the rights to 119 American books.

So where are they? Many books meet the same fate as "Ragtime," a kaleidoscopic look at the 1920s that was translated in full and appeared in the September and October 1978 issues of "Foreign Literature," a widely sought but hard-to-get journal that prints foreign works.

The Central Committee, writers said, determined that the book was "not only bad for women to read, but for men, too" and has indefinitely delayed its publication in book form — despite earlier publicity here that it would be made available.

"It signals a definite change of policy for a while," one Soviet writer told the Associated Press.

Now, underground copies of "Ragtime" are being hurried out into the waiting arms of readers anxious to see what all the fuss is about, and the issues of "Foreign Literature" are prized.

The Central Committee is said to be pressuring the journal to present more works by authors from the socialist countries.

IN JULY and August of this year, the journal is slated to publish John Updike's novel, "Marry me," about adultery in upper-middle-class America. The book contains explicit sex, but Updike has long been viewed here as a "suitable" writer because he chronicles the decay of American society.

Why are American books so popular in the Soviet Union? One emigre writer explained it this way:

"The thinking person in the Soviet Union takes delight in discovering a new proof that a profound, serious spiritual life exists in the Western world, refuting Soviet propaganda, which declares that all culture of the West, especially American culture, consists of nothing but...triviality."

Ernest Hemingway has been widely translated here, though in the 1960s "The Old Man and the Sea" was branded as "harmful petty bourgeois nonsense." William Faulkner is another favourite, as is John Steinbeck. Kurt Vonnegut's "Breakfast of Champions" appeared in "Foreign Literature" because of his reputation, the editors said, "as a talented satirist criticizing various aspects of American life and character."

And Russians love to read. Sociological studies published here show that 87 per cent of Soviet families have their own libraries. More than 70 per cent of the Soviet population of 262 million spend at least an hour a day reading books, statistics show.

One of the largest U.S. bookstore chains, B. Dalton Bookellers, has tentative approval from Soviet officials to open three book kiosks in Moscow during the 1980 Olympic Games. (The Associated Press)

Europe feels the energy pinch, too

By RONALD KOVEN/Paris

THE HIGHWAYS in summer. But it does seem to make them more careful, even though they drive far smaller cars that get far better mileage than Americans do.

IN FRANCE, by government decree, apartment buildings and private homes have been getting 15 per cent less heating fuel every winter than the winter before for each of the past three years. The Parisians wear more sweaters than New Yorkers.

As a result of that and other measures, annual French oil imports have held steady at about 2 million barrels a day since 1973, and have even declined slightly. During the same period, Americans have increased their dependence on imports from 20 per cent to 45 per cent.

Some Europeans say this explains why Americans seem more anxious now than Europeans. The Europeans already have been through a severe crisis in 1973, and they survived.

Except for Ireland, European countries have deliberately held down economic growth, largely to deal with the need to keep the oil import bill down. Ireland's insistence on an economic growth of 4 to 5 per cent a year diverted a large portion of its available petroleum to industry, which helps explain why Irish motorists are the first in Europe not to get enough.

Just as in California, small shortages produced a panic and snowballed into big shortages as people rushed out to fill up.

Most countries in the Paris-based International Energy Agency have introduced new conservation

measures such as a 5 per cent reduction in consumption was decided in early March to counteract the shortage growing from a drastic drop in Iranian exports.

In addition, West Germans and Swiss are relying on higher prices and public campaigns to do the job for now. The Italians say they are too involved in elections to have decided anything yet.

THE DUTCH have simply asked oil supply companies to deliver 5 per cent less across the board than last year to their customers. Sweden has asked the suppliers to deliver 10 to 20 per cent less, depending on categories of customers. Japan has asked for a voluntary reduction of company and government illumination usage of 20 per cent, of office lighting by a third and of the operation of elevators and escalators by 20 per cent.

Other voluntary measures in Japan include stopping television broadcasting earlier and closing petrol stations on Sundays and holidays.

In Greece, cars with odd-numbered license plates will be allowed on the road only one day in two, and even-numbered license plates the alternate weekend.

As in many other countries, neon signs and shop windows are to be turned off earlier and 80 kph speed limits are being introduced. Most of the measures have a familiar ring — they were already tried out during

the 1973-74 oil crisis. Since then, there has also been a heavy trend all over Europe to convert power generating stations from oil to coal wherever possible.

Steady rationing is fairly standard in Europe now. In France, it is based on a 1945 decree, issued after the German occupation. In Switzerland, it is part of the government's standing emergency powers in place for decades.

West Germany is printing rationing books, even though Bonn officials have issued assurance there will be no rationing. A British Energy Department spokesman said the rationing coupons printed up but never used in 1974 were destroyed, but they are now being reprinted.

A MAIN player in the current U.S. shortage, especially in California, European oil executives and energy officials say, is the American environmental requirement for unleaded petrol. It takes 7 to 10 per cent more out of a barrel of crude oil to make unleaded petrol than petrol with lead and other power additives, oil men say. Unleaded petrol must be higher octane to provide the same power.

No European countries have followed the U.S. example of producing unleaded petrol.

Some Europeans, notably the French, are suggesting the oil crisis is artificial, created by the Americans, anyhow.

Ahlin Chalandon, head of the French state oil company, Elf Aquitaine, said in a newspaper interview this week: "This shortage certainly stems from a political strategy."

He did not really explain what he meant, but other French officials speaking privately pointed fingers at the U.S. government and U.S. oil companies.

The U.S. government is accused of not having considered the consequences when it insisted on the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty without taking into consideration the concerns of Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil exporter. The French note that the Saudi decision to place a ceiling on production at 6.5 million barrels a day — about 2 million barrels below Saudi production capacity — coincided with the peace accord.

AS FOR THE U.S. companies, the French say they intend to raise the question at a meeting of the European Common Market energy ministers next week whether Americans multinational oil corporations are deliberately creating a shortage by building their winter-depleted stocks too rapidly.

The French say they are not making the accusation, only raising the question. But some ask as if they know the answer already.

U.S. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger is said by government and industry sources in Europe to be pressuring the American companies to rebuild stocks of home heating oil rather than maximize more profitable production of petrol.

The French say also they intend to ask for reorganization of the Rotterdam spot oil market to prevent speculation. Their idea is that there should be a sort of U.S.-style securities exchange commission to regulate the European market for petroleum that is not already committed in long-term contracts at fixed or regulated prices. (Washington Post)

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AFTER THE cultural desert of the Cultural Revolution — in which comedy was given an "X" rating — Chinese audiences are being given more and more to make them laugh or cry, *lekin* or *weibai*.

It is now possible to turn the dial on the radio and find entertainment at almost all hours, avoiding the strident political lectures and martial music of the decade when the "Gang of Four" radical leaders held sway.

Television has revived some old movies, including one from before the 1949 communist take-over, which contains no overt political preaching, although there is a message.

The 1947 movie "A River Flowing

East in the Spring," depicts both China's suffering during the war with Japan and disolute, extravagant living in the wartime capital of Chungking, and later in Shanghai after the Japanese surrender in 1945.

The main figure moves from rage to riches by marrying a wealthy young lady and using her connections to climb the business ladder. The wife he left behind in the countryside when he fled Japanese troops eventually, by chance, becomes a maid in his house and commits suicide by jumping into the river when she learns what has happened.

China's TV guide says the movie was made with an old-fashioned

A time to laugh

By PHIL BROWN/Peking

camera, a broken-down recorder and outdated film in a drabby studio. Chinese say the writer and director, Cai Chusheng (Tsai Chuan-sheng) and Zheng Junli (Chang Chun-li), were attacked by the "Gang," who were themselves arrested in 1976 on charges of trying to seize power.

IN CONTRAST to the sorrow of "River" was the movie "The Cricket Emperor," about a despot who terrorizes his underlings when they don't provide him with enough crickets for his amusement. Clever and colourfully dressed peasants outsmart and humiliate him in the Hongkong comedy. The older Peking operas also are

being revived. On May 1, the purely mythical "Tale of the White Snake" was performed for 10,000 people, including Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, in the Great Hall of the People.

As for the movies and other works put out under the "Gang," one worker commented, "You didn't want to see them. They gave you a headache. They gave you more than many times you got bored. We didn't have comedy routines like those that are on now."

These popular traditional routines include comic dialogue using plenty of puns, slang and rapid-fire story-telling to the accompaniment of a fast beat on a bamboo block. "They are all quite funny," said one young Chinese.

THE "GANG" denounced humour as a tool of the exploiting classes intended to make the masses forget their grievances.

But an article in the Chinese magazine "Folk Arts" by a comic dialogue performer says the key ingredient is satire and urges greater boldness, now that the "Gang" is gone.

"I am a literary warrior," he

writes. "If I put down the weapon of satire, isn't that surrendering to the enemy?" — presumably meaning followers of the "Gang."

He adds, "Satire is a product of political democracy."

Classical music, also denounced by the "Gang" as bourgeois, is common on Chinese radio now, and young Chinese talk to Americans about the recent visit of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Foreign movies have started to come in, especially Charlie Chaplin films. "Convoy" also was shown in China. One worker said he found it interesting, but didn't understand the background.

Foreign art also is being brought in, mainly for exhibitions and showing to Chinese art students.

American jazz, rock and similar popular music aren't heard on Chinese radio. But loudspeakers in a Peking park recently gave strollers a concert of such light music as "The Skater's Waltz."

And young people walk around singing "Do Re Mi" from "The Sound of Music." (The Associated Press)

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Four teams clash today in soccer semi-finals

By PAUL KOHN Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The semi-final matches of the state soccer cup will take place at the Ramat Gan Stadium today...

the game today, after he was injured in Spain. Betar's goalkeeper Yossi Mirzahi was also hurt, but his chances of playing were reported as improved yesterday.

And now — boy sues to play with girls

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP). — Donald Gomes has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to let him play on the girls' volleyball team at his high school.

U.S. laws against sex discrimination, the court said. An appeals court, however, ruled that Gomes can't play on the team until the issue is resolved by higher courts.

Israel cricket team off to flying start in warm-up games

By HYAM CORNEY Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — The Israeli cricket team, in Britain to take part in the Second Prudential World Cup...

They looked well set for victory. But good fielding and bowling saw the visitors through to a fine victory. The bowling star was again Kanpol...

In their first game, played in the beautiful surroundings of Carmel College, the Jewish public school in the Oxfordshire countryside...

The Israelis have three more warm-up matches this week in the London area before meeting the U.S. team Tuesday...

Foreign tennis vets whitewash locals

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter HERRLYIA. — Overseas players generally proved far too strong for their local opponents...

The fourth seed, was due to play his second-round contest last night. American ace and perennial doubles partner Russell Seymour and Jason Morton...



Beck superstar Elton John in fine voice Monday as he cheers his team Watford to a 4-0 victory over Hull to clinch promotion to the English Second Division for Watford.

Baby boy behind the 8 ball

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP). — The ambulance was waiting. Her labour pains were less than three minutes apart. But 24-year-old Kathy Haddon wouldn't leave the hospital until her baby was born.

Nell's Lounge were back in a neck-and-neck race, tied at 5-5. Then there was a disagreement over a judge's ruling. Thirty minutes passed. Dan kept looking at his watch.

At stake was the women's championship of the city's Tavern Pool (pocket billiards) League. Kathy was the top female shooter in the league and the heart of the team from Mastry's Bar and Grill.

By 11:15 there were only two balls on the table — the 2 and the 8. Kathy had to sink them and Mastry's would have its second straight title.

"I've been waiting all year for this," she said. "Everybody wants me to leave, but I'm not leaving for anything. I won't have the baby until sometime after 1 a.m. There's plenty of time."

Later, Dan called the celebratory with the news — at 1:45 a.m., on Mother's Day, little more than two hours after her winning shot. Kathy gave birth to a boy and all was well.

By 11 p.m. Saturday, the baby was four 2 1/2 minutes apart. Kathy tugged at her maternity blouse, slipped orange juice, chewed furiously on her gum and dabbed at her forehead with a handkerchief.

"She stayed in bed for two days to rest up so she could come to this," said her husband, Dan, shuddering a styrofoam cup with his teeth. "He went into labour two days ago, but she kind of talked herself out of it."

"She won't make it through overtime," Bar owner Lay Mastry said as a crowd of several hundred watched the championship shootouts.

"If our problem (of representation) cannot be solved in the IOC, then it will be the United States which will face and have this kind of difficulty and trouble (at the winter games in Lake Placid, New York, next February)."

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THE DEMANDS for the death penalty following the last terrorist attack on Nabaria were accompanied by almost unanimous dismay from many jurists and criminologists, both inside and outside the country.

Collecting data on the death penalty

By DAVID RICHARDSON/Jerusalem Post Reporter

Wolfgang, who is Professor of Criminology and Law at the University of Pennsylvania, and president of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, stressed in a recent interview that the question of the death penalty is basically an ethical issue, although there are also rational arguments against it.

HE WAS ALSO a member of a special panel established by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences on Deterrence and Incapacitation. The panel delivered a detailed opinion based on a survey of all the major research on the subject and concluded that there was absolutely no scientific evidence to show that the absence or presence of the death penalty had any effect whatsoever on homicide rates.

make up a significant element in the terrorist organizations, the death penalty has warped attraction for certain individuals. Some of them have said as much that the idea of death under violent circumstances or in the service of some ideal acts as a stimulus of a kind — but certainly not as a deterrent.

(Begin, as head of the Irgun Zvai Leumi vociferously opposed the British Mandatory Government's practice of hanging Jewish underground fighters. Tamir was exiled to Kenya for his part in the Jewish underground.)



Kozo Okamoto — perhaps the type of terrorist who was so highly motivated that the threat of a death sentence would not have deterred him.

"Judicial and social policy should be rational and deliberate and should not be based on the passion in the heat of a moment — that's not the way governments should function," he noted.

Wolfgang, who began his remarks by saying that despite the cabinet's decision to allow the Attorney-General or the Judge Advocate-General to use "their own discretion in deciding whether to ask for the death penalty, free of executive interference," did not believe that the death penalty would in fact be used.

"What is surprising is that the rational arguments against and opposition to the idea seemed to have no effect on the Prime Minister," he said.

HE JUST COULDN'T STAND SITTING

A DOCTOR'S NOTEBOOK/Dr. David Samson

AMRAM MASAD recently paid me what could be described as a courtesy visit a few weeks after a spell in hospital. He walked into the moshav clinic and sat down opposite me without any apparent difficulty or discomfort, quite a change from his original consultation several months before for a complaint which he had taken care of permanently.

"I'll have to refer you to a surgical colleague of mine to have the abscess incised and the pus removed at operation all seem to be dead ones. Whatever its origin the condition is of no significance at all unless the tract or tracts become infected and result in the whole area becoming red, inflamed and painful with the formation of pus.

"You can certainly now feel, even if you can't see, what this has all produced in your own case. Why infection should develop in some people with such sinuses and not in others is a bit of a mystery, but the association with some recurrent local trauma seems to be often more than fortuitous.

"Bottoms which regularly bounce on a hard surface, such as the seat of a jeep or a motor-cycle, are often prime candidates, and I don't think that it's just a coincidence that the two other patients with infected plonidal sinuses I've seen in the past year or so have been, like yourself, young moshavniks who spend a good deal of each working day in a bumpy tractor seat.

"Sometimes if the infection is caught at an early stage it may be possible to abort its further development by using frequent warm soaks and prescribing antibiotics, but once it has reached the point of frank pus formation, there is no satisfactory alternative to incision and drainage to afford relief.

"Certainly when examined microscopically the hairs present in a plonidal sinus removed at operation all seem to be dead ones. Whatever its origin the condition is of no significance at all unless the tract or tracts become infected and result in the whole area becoming red, inflamed and painful with the formation of pus.

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"Sometimes if the infection is caught at an early stage it may be possible to abort its further development by using frequent warm soaks and prescribing antibiotics, but once it has reached the point of frank pus formation, there is no satisfactory alternative to incision and drainage to afford relief.

"Such a procedure, however, does not in itself do away with the crant sinuses and the possibility of a further episode of infection may therefore be quite likely. Sometimes, doctors do not advise patients who have experienced only one attack of infection to undergo definitive surgery for their plonidal sinus since a subsequent attack is not absolutely inevitable.

"However, in your case, especially in view of your occupation, I think it will be worthwhile your considering this for a future date when all the reaction from this present infection has died down. This operation usually involves a complete excision of the affected tissue so as to get rid of the sinuses once and for all. The whole area is then left to scar over, making the possibility of any recurrence remote. Sometimes, in certain cases, a more limited excision of the area suffices.

Amram took my advice, which was also the advice of the surgeon who treated his abscess. And so a few months later when his plonidal sinus was in a quiescent state, he was admitted to the local hospital and had it properly seen to surgically.

A few days after the operation, he was back home feeling a little stiff and with some mild residual discomfort which soon went. By the time he paid me his courtesy visit to tell me all about his stay in hospital he was fully recovered and, as I could verify by looking out of the clinic window, back in the driving seat — of his tractor.



Model of a string instrument from Mesopotamia

Well-travelled exhibit comes home

By MARY HIRSHFELD Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — After four years of wandering through 28 capitals around the world, the "Music in the Bible — The Bible in Music" exhibition is finally back where it all started: Haifa. It will be opened to the public throughout the summer, at the Haifa Music Museum, starting next Sunday.

instrumental music and Jewish and Israeli music. Photographs, paintings and reliefs were added to present the public as vivid and comprehensive a picture as possible.

reconstructed several ancient cymbals, trumpets, lyre and flutes.

The exhibition was almost totally financed by Haifa's municipality and co-sponsored by the Ministries of Education and Religious Affairs. Nominal entrance fees will be charged (LL10 for adults and IL5 for children), and arrangements can be made with the museum for students and school groups visits.

City Hall has also chosen the exhibit's run to have more than 20 open air concerts throughout the city, all with the "Music and the Bible" theme. From the opening next Sunday, when the Haifa Symphony Orchestra will perform outside the museum, dances and recitals will follow until late in August. As a special treat, the public is promised the first performance in Israel of Handel's oratorio "Saul," at the beginning of July, by four choir groups in the Zimriya festival.

THERE ARE DEALS where more than one of the weapons described in this column are used as in today's deal. But first let us look at the requirements for Weapon III, the Specific Control Asking Bid.

A new suit bid by the one club opener, after the support asking bid and a support showing response (Weapon I, April 25), or the trump suit asking bid (Weapon II, May 3), initiates the specific control asking bid. Controls in the asking suit are shown by the responder as follows:

- 1st step: no control (xxx, xxxxx, xxxxx)
2nd step: 2nd-round control (Qxx, xx, Qxxxx)
3rd step: 2nd-round control (Kxx, x, Kx)
4th step: 1st-round control (Ax, void, Ax, x)
5th step: Complete control (AQX, AKX, AQ)

Today's deal uses three weapons:

E-W Vul:

Bridge bidding diagram showing West and North hands and bidding sequence.

More weapons

BRIDGE/George E. Levin

- (1) 16+ high card points
(2) 8+ points and a five card or longer suit
(3) Support Asking bid (Weapon I, April 25)
(4) At least Qxx or xxx in hearts, less than four controls
(5) Trump suit asking bid (Weapon II, May 2)
(6) 6-card spade suit; 2 of 3 top honours
(7) Specific control asking bid, Weapon III
(8) 2nd-round control in clubs
(9) sign-off

This deal was played in a team-of-four match. The opponents playing Standard American failed to reach the slam.

THE LAST of our four Precision game and slam weapons, Control Asking, can be used in conjunction with other asking bids and in other systems as well. Of these asking bids, it is perhaps the simplest to use. If the one club opener receives the major suit positive response, he bids no trump as the control asking bid. Controls (see — 2, king — 1) are shown in steps as follows:

- 2 ♠ = 0 — 2 controls
2 ♥ = 3 controls
3 ♣ = 4 controls
3 NT = 5 controls
4 ♠ = 6 controls
4 ♥ = 7 controls

This deal was played in a top-bottom pairs contest.

Both vul:

Bridge bidding diagram showing West and North hands and bidding sequence.

The bidding:

Bridge bidding diagram showing South and North hands and bidding sequence.

- (1) 16+ high card points
(2) 8+ high card points, 5+ eard suit
(3) Control asking bid
(4) 3 controls
(5) Trump suit asking bid (see column May 3)
(6) All three top heart honours
(7) Specific control asking bid (see below)
(8) 3rd-round spade control
(9) sign-off

The opener, having learned that his partner had the three top honours in hearts, expects both hearts and spades to be solid. On normal splits in these suits, there are 12 top tricks available, and no trump is bid to prevent a lead through the diamond king. While several pairs reached a spade slam, 6 NT was reached only once, by our Precision pair, for a clear top.

Engrossing erotic reading

THAT CHARMING duo of English performers, Estelle Kohler and Bill Homewood, delighted a rather sparse audience last Sunday night at the Israel Museum with an evening of erotic poetry.

DRAMA Mendel Kohansky

cond part was a staging of the "Song of Songs." According to legend, "Black Marigolds" was written in jail, where the poet was awaiting execution. The language is rich in sexual

imagery, as the doomed lover recalls the delights of his beloved's body. It was a touching performance, with a minimum of gesture and movement, the accent being on the beauty of the language. Miss Kohler was fully convincing as the star-crossed princess who placed love above status, but Homewood, with his boyishly mischievous face, did not fully come across as a tragic hero.

He was much more believable as the lover who leaps over boulders and comes knocking at night at his beloved's window in the "Song of Songs," where both performers, not to speak of the audience, were on more familiar ground. The idyllic character of the biblical poem suited the two better, and though I could hardly think of Miss Kohler with her English good looks, as a cluster of henna in Ein-Gedi, she was lovely and touching.

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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

Cryptic crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1. Accommodation for happy event we hear (6) 2. Show how to draw a plant diagram? (4, 3) 3. Back side of Scotland (4) 4. Illegally taken to Leu's, possibly (6) 5. A measure employed by the man in the dock (7) 6. Angry with some fare dodgers (3) 7. The fibre-Silas is made of (5) 8. Necessary shortage? (4) 9. Orled when some men get married (5) 10. Padded, we add, in a new way (5) 11. Stay in the house (5) 12. Fight in lot, being heated (4) 13. More like a judge than a lord (4) 14. Some firwood? (3) 15. In which to pack underclothes? (5) 16. It's a case, but milky (6) 17. Black and wet? (4) 18. Can a veil be woven here? (5) 19. How bad language can awaken one? (6) 20. Burner of a cake various ways (5) 21. Lead it astray when followed (5) 22. Gun sent for modification (4) 23. A measure employed by the man in the dock (7) 24. Charles's youngsters? (5) 25. It's hard, David (5) 26. The cry of a going figure (4) 27. Supplied from a safe deposit (5) 28. Surrounded by some midgets (3) 29. Afterwards, even more dead? (5) 30. Shell with a right-angled edge (5) 31. Evidence of humanity (5) 32. Inanimate master figure (3) 33. Little less than a week (5) 34. On the job (but coming off?) (7) 35. The French way to cut a camp short (3) 36. It's bad when we tangle with Dick (6) 37. Also a craft? (4) 38. Mongoose fellow? (6) 39. Betty's cooker? (5) 40. Or-like tough guy? (5) 41. Fresh-air enthusiasts? (3) 42. New hair for a bad name (4) 43. Yesterday's Cryptic Solution ACROSS — 1. Shoes, 6. Salad (days), 8. Towel, 10. Tennis, 11. Leisure, 12. Verne, 13. Leader, 15. Bus, 17. Eric, 18. Al-Berl, 19. CL-7, 20. D-River, 22. Tyrone, 23. Sue, 25. Nimitz, 26. Sheld, 28. Anger, 29. Fanny, 29. Match, 30. Travi, 31. Wendy, 32. DWA — 2. Hoover, 3. Elaine, 4. Sol (rev), 5. Adler, 6. S-wim-die, 7. Antic, 8. Armer, 12. Vets, 13. Leads, 14. Annie, 15. Beryl, 16. Steer, 18. A-void, 19. Central, 21. Runner, 22. Tiram, 23. Rained (repeated), 25. Steve, 26. SE-XI, 28. Frew.

EASY PUZZLE

Easy crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1. Floor covering (6) 2. Conditional re-lease (6) 3. Trifle (4) 4. Well surfacing (6) 5. Heavenly-bult (5) 6. Flat (5) 7. Fleeting tool (3) 8. Piece of turf (3) 9. Subject (5) 10. Spiced (5) 11. Pulate (5) 12. Cut off (5) 13. Lute-warm (5) 14. B A R K, combin- (4) 15. Lid (5) 16. Plant juice (3) 17. On a ship (6) 18. Mince (5) 19. Belonging to (5) 20. Female (4) 21. Opening night (6) 22. Trive crazy (6) 23. Waterways (6) 24. Conditional re-lease (6) 25. Well surfacing (6) 26. Heavenly-bult (5) 27. Flat (5) 28. Fleeting tool (3) 29. Piece of turf (3) 30. Subject (5) 31. Spiced (5) 32. Pulate (5) 33. Cut off (5) 34. Lute-warm (5) 35. B A R K, combin- (4) 36. Lid (5) 37. Plant juice (3) 38. On a ship (6) 39. Mince (5) 40. Belonging to (5) 41. Female (4) 42. Opening night (6) 43. Trive crazy (6) 44. Those ones (4)

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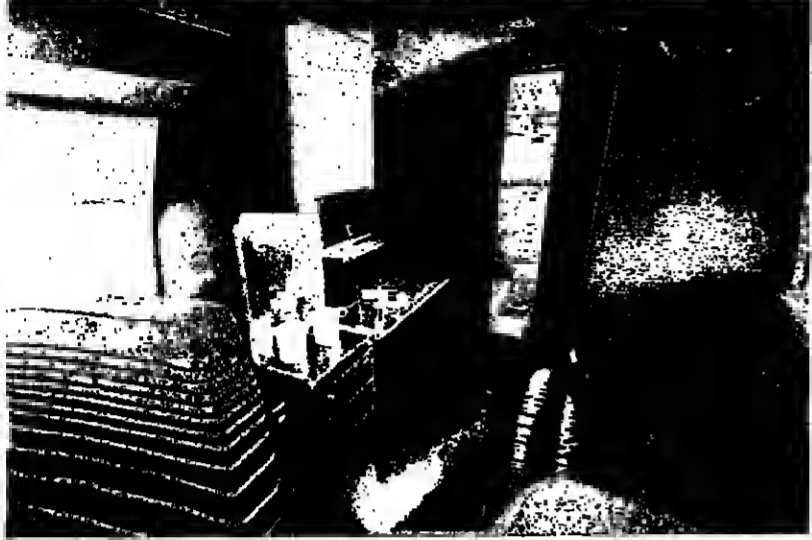
LAI's Westwind jet outsells its target while its new Sea Scan version is off to a good start

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent There is an impressive success story to be told about Israel Aircraft Industries' Westwind executive jet...

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petitive markets in Si Samach. He is an American with no Zionist background, who somehow remained in Israel after transporting refugees here from Europe in 1948...

Resembling a hippopotamus with a huge black bulge attached to its nose, the craft costs less and uses less fuel for maritime patrols than other planes in its category...



View of the Westwind's interior with glimpse of cockpit.

Eighty per cent of sales have been in the U.S., with the help of aggressive marketing techniques by the LAI's agent there, Atlantic Aviation. But new markets are expected to open up now with the almost prophetic introduction of the Sea Scan version of the aircraft...

The Sea Scan is a maritime derivative of the Westwind 1124, first developed for the Israel Navy. It is a highly mobile off-road military vehicle which comes in no less than 12 configurations...

Even without the Sea Scan version, the Westwind 1124 has attracted enough orders to keep production lines in LAI's plant at Be'er-Gurion Airport busy...

Samach said craftsmanship was the key to the Westwind's success abroad. That is a tribute not often paid to the Israeli worker. The plane's interiors are handmade, with countless hours spent by master carpenters and upholsterers in its perfection.



The Westwind executive jet in flight.

cheap product until now, but Samach says that with the new economic policies this price advantage is slowly being eroded. The government's policy of not devaluing the pound periodically has hiked labour costs here in dollar terms.

Samach is confident about the future of the Westwind 1124 and its Sea Scan version, which he believes will become as much of a success as the executive model.

Other problems involve not only the koshering of meat, but preparation of vegetables as well. Lettuce and cauliflower must be carefully examined to ensure that absolutely no insects remain.

Israeli manufacturers at the Paris Air Show

Lots of LAI hardware

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Israel Aircraft Industries will this year put on an unprecedented performance at the 33rd Paris Air Show at Le Bourget.

At the show next month, which will be the highest ever, the LAI has adopted a new marketing approach by offering clients a selection of integrated systems, which it refers to as "tri-space products and services."

One display at the show will indeed be a theoretical solution to the defence problems of a nation — a

solution which will show the complete range of LAI products and their integration into a total defence package. The main systems on display include the Sea Scan the Arava and the Westwind jets.

Land systems include the Ram V-1, a highly mobile off-road military vehicle which comes in no less than 12 configurations.

Then there are air defence command and control systems made by the Elita Electronics Division of LAI. One of Elita's products is described as "a totally new concept in communication between a tank command and his driver."

Among the products offered by the Tamam Electronics Division of LAI is a system providing an instant readout of position, elevation and azimuth for artillery.

The firm's Engineering Division offers ROADS — a Rotecart Audio Detector System, which provides an answer to the problem of radar-blind areas. The system is able to identify selected sounds, such as the vibrations of helicopter rotors, even against the background clutter of other artificial and natural sounds.

The division's ARDAS system provides helicopter pilots with both audio and visual warning signals when ground approach is dangerously fast. "It is an essential element to ensure pilot and aircraft safety," the firm's literature says.

Great variety of aerospace capabilities to be displayed

TEL AVIV. — Israel's sophisticated capabilities and knowhow in aerospace and related fields will be represented at the 33rd Paris Air Show opening June 9 by six manufacturers appearing jointly in the Israel Pavilion.

RAFEL, The Israel Armament Development Authority, will display its advanced capabilities in guided and unguided weapons, electronic intelligence, special computers and communication systems. The Authority, which is a multi-technology weapon system establishment, has been offering its battle-proven experience to the world market for the last few years.

TSCAR BLADES, produces precision forged and machined gas turbine and jet engine blades made of stainless steel, aluminum, titanium and nickel base superalloys. The firm's exhibit will show the various stages of the manufacturing process of the blades, vanes and buckets.

BET SHEMESH ENGINES, established 11 years ago by TURBOMECA of France, will exhibit its gas turbine engines for industrial and aeronautical applications. The firm has developed electronic controls using the advanced digital technologies to replace existing expensive hydraulic and pneumatic components, and a compact heat-regenerator to lower specific fuel consumption.

TAT Aero Equipment Industries will present a cross-section of its design and production capabilities in fluid control systems. In environmental control systems TAT will be displaying heat exchangers, including fin and plate technology; air cycle machines; and mechanical and electro-mechanical valves and regulators.

Mechola is the sole supplier of this item to the Israel Air Force, which is adaptable to all aircraft. There is a version for civilian aircraft and another portable or stationary model for light aircraft.

In fuel systems the firm will exhibit fuel pumps and fuel management systems for aircraft and ground vehicles. In instruments and controls TAT will display transmitter, amplifiers, cockpit instruments, selectors and monitors.

A variety of hydraulic ground equipment for military and civilian aircraft produced according to client specifications will be displayed by Mechola Engineering and Manufacturing. Included in its exhibit will be a custom-made hydraulic jack for military aircraft; a hydraulic fuel injector for aircraft brakes; and a mobile hydraulic test bench (stand) which checks the capacity and pressure in all the hydraulic systems of the aircraft.

Rounding out the Israel Pavilion will be RICOR, a well-known developer and producer of cryogenic and vacuum systems, which will be exhibiting its 300 litre (80 gallon) liquid oxygen tank. The tank, which is trailer mounted and air transportable, is constructed according to U.S. military specifications.

Ricor's research, design and manufacturing facilities are available for special projects, and the firm has extensive experience in the development of such items as special purpose cryostats, piping and vacuum vessels.

Rabbi organizing hotel chain to cater to observant Jews

By HAIM SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter For a strictly observant Jew it is now impossible to enjoy a holiday at a luxury hotel in many parts of Israel. Assurance that the food is kosher are far from reassuring and Rabbi Binyamin Perry of The Jerusalem Plaza hotel told The Post recently.

Gur to head new division at Koor

TEL AVIV. — The former Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf (Res.) Mordechai Gur, has been appointed head of a new division at Koor which will specialize in sophisticated metal work.

Gur recently returned from the U.S., where he studied advanced technological methods and research and development in this field. Koor announced yesterday that the new division would be one of the divisions within the concern's Metal and Steel group, which is headed by Aluf (Res.) Yeshayahu Gavish, who is also deputy director-general of Koor.

Meanwhile, three of the country's leading electronics and computer developers, Koor Systems, Penguin Electronics Industries and Meida Electronics Industries, have been merged into one firm. The new firm is called Telkor. It is a subsidiary of Koor Electric and Electronics, a division of Koor Industries.

It was announced that the change was effected to integrate and optimize development, production and marketing of sophisticated electronic products and systems in communications, power, aerospace and paramedical equipment.

Chemicals and pharmaceuticals rate their own division in Manufacturers Association

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers Association yesterday decided to set up a new division, Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals, since "this branch is rapidly assuming significant proportions in the country's industrial expansion."

Until now there was a Pharmaceutical Section in the association, and chemicals were lumped together in the General Division. Avraham Goldwasser, of the Oxidion (Chemical) Company will chair the new division, with Dr. Israel Liblich, of Teva Pharmaceuticals, being deputy chairman.

At present Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals produce goods valued at IL2.2 billion a year, of which \$260m. is exported. (These figures do not include fuel and gas.) About 15,000 persons are employed in 100 firms in this division, and their combined output constitutes about six per cent of all industrial output and about 13 per cent of all industrial exports.

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Shavit warns of disastrous effect index rises will have on exports

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The sharp rise in the index will have disastrous effects on exports, Avraham "Buma" Shavit, president of the Manufacturers Association, said yesterday.

"When costs of production go up by 70 to 80 per cent a year, and the pounds earned by dollar exports increase by only 30 per cent a year, industrial exporters are caught in a vice which will squeeze them to death," he said.

Shavit pointed out that industrial exports were rising by a "real" three per cent this year, compared to about 20 per cent last year. The reason, he believed, was that last year, like this one, costs of production for the export market rose much faster than the pounds earned from dollar sales abroad.

"The main solution is to cut the national budget; not by the few

billions proposed by Finance Minister Simha Ebrlich, but by at least twice this amount." Shavit also pointed out that the cuts Ebrlich proposed would be harmful to the export drive, and that all cuts in the budget should be made in such a fashion that they would help exports to increase at a rapid rate.

"After all, we live from producing for exports," he said. Shavit compared the present economic situation in the country to something akin to a cat chasing its own tail. "Only somebody has snuffed the tail of the cat into its mouth, and nobody knows how to pull the tail out and let the cat start walking in a straight line again."

He admitted that inflation — at least at this stage — was good for the people living in the country, but it would lead to a national catastrophe eventually, he predicted.

End of Kitan's IL2m. a month subsidy

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Simha Ebrlich and Gideon Patt, respectively Ministers of Finance and of Industry, Trade and Tourism, have decided after consultations between them to cut off the IL2m. monthly allocation to the Kitan textile plant in Beit Shean. The allocation will stop at the end of this year.

The two ministers say that since September 1978, when the subsidy started, the factory has dismissed 10 per cent of its workers, and the owners have added equipment to help meet export demand. For this purpose management has submitted a new IL42m. investment plan to the Investment Centre.

Within Beit Shean several additional factories have been built in addition to the expansion of existing plants. The managers of Clal, the owners of Kitan, who met with Ebrlich and Patt before the decision was taken, have until the end of the year to act upon it. The Knesset's Finance Committee must also approve the decision.

'Areas' civil servants worried about future

By AARON SITTNER Israel civil servants in the administered areas will meet today to press their demands for job benefit security "in the event our employment status changes as a result of impending political developments" — a reference to the autonomy plan. Alleging that the Civil Service Commission is "dragging its feet" on the formulation of employment security guarantees, the Council of Works Committees in the Administered Areas will convene today in Beit El.

The council will set down a full list of demands, and last night warned that "continued neglect of our problem by the Civil Service Commission will only lead to industrial action by our members."

The council has sent a telegram with its demands to Defence Minister Weizman.

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High index rise sends market plummeting

TEL AVIV. — Yesterday's announcement that the April price index had risen by 8.7 per cent had an immediate dramatic effect on the market. Investors were expecting a rise of somewhere between 5 and 8 per cent and the actual figure sent shares tumbling in all sectors. As could be expected, interest in index-linked bonds was revived, with turnover almost doubling overnight from Monday's IL28.6m. to IL53.6m. yesterday.

Index-linked bonds were mainly up, but the increases were hardly spectacular. Ninety per cent of double option bonds were steady and 80 per cent of single option bonds were steady. Most of the action was in a 4 per cent, 8 1/2 per cent and foreign currency-linked bonds where the rises reached 1 1/2 per cent.

In equities, the picture was fairly dismal all across the board. The exception was in the commercial banks sector where the stocks proved more resilient than elsewhere in the market. Here a mixed picture emerged, characterized by small gains and losses. Leumi was up one point. Hapoalim was unchanged but IDB was 5 points off to 450. Mortgage banks were down but losses were

Stocks & bonds — the market report

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter

no worse than moderate — with one exception. The Hapoalim Investment slumped by 75 points, closing 18 1/2 per cent down at 335.

Specialised financial institutions were also down. The Hapoalim in this sector were Shikma, down 14 per cent and Agriculture "A", which decreased by 5.1 per cent.

Losses in insurance equities were more serious. Not one share in this sector avoided the general decline. The worst hit were Haisneh r and b, which dropped 21 and 19 points respectively. Securitas, 60 per cent dividend and Zim b, incurred losses of 5, 5.5, 4.9 and 7 per cent respectively.

The general gloom also pervaded in commercial services and utilities. Falls of 5 per

cent or more were common in this sector. The worst losses were incurred by Delek r, down 6 per cent, and Lighterage s, down 5 per cent and 17 points. The recent spurt achieved by Lighterage shares came to an abrupt halt.

A similar picture emerged in land, building and development. However, Solel Boneh managed to swim against the current, putting on 67 points, increasing its share value to 960. Apart from this, the rest was a catalogue of losses. The biggest falls were ILDC b, down 6.8 per cent to 204, Ispra down 5.8 per cent to 283 and Isras down 6.3 per cent to 621.

Industrials were down all across the board. Elco 1 slumped by 35 points to 646, Mofet lost 12 points to 239 and Nechustan r lost 76 points, taking the stock 6 per cent lower to 1176. Otherwise losses were more moderate than elsewhere in the market.

The decline also spread to the investment and holding companies sector where losses were frequently as much as 5 per cent. However, in shares traded in foreign currency, two equities improved. They were Tourist Ind. by 4.8 per cent to 440 and Unico "A" by 5.3 per cent to 477.

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Plantex-Ikapharm scientists develop two new molecules

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter. KPAP SAVA. — Two new molecules, which may have far-reaching importance as drugs, have been developed by scientists working for the Plantex-Ikapharm pharmaceutical division of the Koor Chemicals group. This was revealed recently on a tour of the new Ikapharm plant (the Plantex plant is in Netanya) by Dr. Daniel Zurr, director-general of the division, and Dr. Elrud Heller, his deputy.

"Since it takes between 325m. and 350m. to develop a new molecule, see it through the various clinical tests and to register it, which may take years, we have decided to turn over much of the latter work to foreign companies," Dr. Zurr said. Plantex-Ikapharm will receive royalties on the drugs from the foreign companies.

Canadian travel agents, Jehovah's Witnesses, on charter flight here

By BARUCH SAVILE Post Travel Reporter. TEL AVIV. — Travel agents from Canada, arriving on the first charter flight from Toronto to Israel, were critics of the lack of adequate promotion and positive publicity for Israel in their country.

General Mortgage had IL111.6m. profit

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — The net operating profit of the General Mortgage Bank, a Bank Leumi affiliate, rose by 64.1 per cent in 1978, to stand at IL111.6m., the bank announced.

Table of foreign exchange rates for various currencies including U.S.S., DM, Swiss Fr., Sterling, French Fr., Dutch Fr., Austrian Sch., Swedish Kr., Danish Kr., Norwegian Kr., Finnish M., Canadian \$, Rand, Australian \$, Belgian Fr., Yen, Italian Lire, and Gold Price.

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Building a new Zionist structure

The Post's MOSHE KOHN takes the WZO-Jewish Agency's aliya efforts to task, and in their place urges the creation of regional "aliya corporations."

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Eight point seven

EIGHT POINT SEVEN is rather unimpressive as numbers go; it is neither round nor is it imbued with any known magical qualities. The eight point seven per cent by which the Cost of Living Index went up in April, however, has all the markings of the writing on the wall...

The government, however, should know better, and knowing better should have been imbued with a much greater sense of urgency in putting the brakes on a process which its predecessor began as policy...

It is ironic today to recall that Mr. Ehrlich solemnly announced a major inflation fighting policy only three months ago. To be sure, the government, with Mr. Ehrlich at its head, has taken "steps"; verbal ones...

With all due respect to the importance of the long run, the most urgent problem is turning around the ruinous trend of the recent past (142 per cent inflation since the Likud took power two years ago, tomorrow) in the coming months...

It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that carrying out such a nearly super-human feat will require a basic change in the economic philosophy of the government and in the political personnel formulating and implementing its policy...

Such a runaway situation can be fought only by a managed economy. It is understandable that Messrs. Ehrlich and Flomlin were beguiled into experimenting with their verisons of a laissez faire economy after waiting for the opportunity for 29 years...

What is of greater importance is that a managed economy, in such a critical and fast sinking condition, can only be managed by strong-arm measures: both against reelectrants and spendthrift government ministers and against the public...

It should be quite clear today that the team that has been running the Treasury is simply not cut out to do such a job. Prime Minister Begin is noted for his bumaneness to his colleagues in providing them with his moral support when they get into trouble...

The only conclusion is that there is an urgent need to appoint an economic czar in the cabinet, possibly with Deputy Prime Ministerial status, with the personality and political clout that would enable him to compel his colleagues to adhere to a strenuous and protracted programme of turning the economy around...

La'am's Yigael Hurwitz has proposed himself for the job in a recent meeting with Mr. Begin, but was turned down despite the Premier's interest in his returning to the cabinet...

Mr. Begin's old-time Irgun colleague and confident, businessman Ya'acov Meridor, has also occasionally been mentioned for such a post...

Obviously, any such changes will lead to significant tensions within the Likud. The magnitude of the national problem which must be addressed, however, is such, as to make such tensions of relatively minor importance in any reasonable order of national priorities...

PRIME MINISTER BEGIN has taken a step in the right direction by proposing the abolition of the Absorption Ministry. If he breaks with habit and does not retract this proposal, the next step ought to be the abolition of the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency Aliya and Absorption Department...

This should be the first step towards the long-needed dismantling of all that "scaffolding" (as David Ben-Gurion characterized the WZO) that was so necessary for building the structure that became the State of Israel. It will, thus, also be the first step towards the rehabilitation of the Zionist idea, the Jewish State idea — namely, the return of a majority of the Jewish people to its homeland in order to rebuild its sovereign social, economic and cultural life in its natural landscape...

Does this mean that while the dismantling and reconstruction are in progress Zionist activity should or will cease? Certainly not. It only means that the damage being done by the present system of incentive offerers, encouragers and absorbers representing the various mandarins here and in the Diaspora, and often working at cross-purposes to each other, will be halted...

What shall we do with olim coming meanwhile? There are more than enough government ministries and officials of all ranks to do for the olim now coming what was done for their predecessors. And with the removal of the present aliya and absorption apparatus and the "one address for the oleh" myth surrounding it, the whole thing may even be done better than ever before...

However, the havoc that has been wrought in the areas of aliya and absorption, and as a result in many other areas of life in Israel and in the Diaspora, is only too well reflected in the relevant reports of the Agency and the State comptrollers. Those who do not read these reports know the story from the tales of woe they read too frequently in the newspapers, bear from new olim neighbours, and are told by relatives and friends in the Diaspora who have been exploring the possibility of aliya...

Meanwhile, there will be a certain vacuum in the Diaspora. There won't be the plethora of emissaries of the different Agency departmental mandarins and of the sub-mandarins within each department. There won't be the "aliya desks" that many communities allowed to be set up in their synagogues and community-centre foyers during "Jerusalem Week" or something of that sort...

manifestation of the sclerotic coalition system strangling the body politic of both Israel and the WZO-Agency.

AS SAID, however, Mr. Begin might set a revolutionary change in motion if he fights as hard for his present proposal, following this up along the lines I am suggesting, as he has fought for virtually nothing else but the Camp David agreements.

Do I mean by this that we should bury the Zionist movement, aliya, and all the rest? Not at all. All I mean is that the WZO and the Zionist movement — should latter and for all dismantle the "scaffolding," burn its rotten planks, deposit one or two silvers in a suitable museum, and use the remaining good planks to build a new Zionist structure.

Realizing this, and without the emissaries and other apparatuses to ally their consciences and divert their energies, these good Jews will build a new Zionist movement, one science money for actively discouraging their children from coming to build their lives and homes here and pave the way for their parents.

I SUBMIT that the powerful, dynamic nucleus of this new movement, however small it may be at the outset, will be the Jews who realize that the core of this movement must be a full personal commitment to aliya, who realize that most of what they have been doing until now is no substitute, and certainly no expiration, for their failure to so commit themselves.

This does not mean that all these people will promptly pick themselves up and make aliya. Many of them cannot do so. It does mean that instead of forming a plethora of organizations on the present self-defeating pattern, the Jews of every community, region and country will set up an area-wide, non-political "aliya corporation." The structure and dimensions of these corporations will vary according to the number and distribution of participants in every area.

The primary task of these corporations will be to make possible the aliya of the people of each area who are ready to go home to Israel

and only need some practical advice or even financial help in order to do so. The corporations will be advised by the relevant olim associations in Israel, which will now be an integral part of their respective old-country aliya corporations, in consultation with whatever government agencies have the answers to particular questions.

In Israel, the corporations will launch economic projects that Israel needs or can stand, whose immediate aim will be to provide productive employment for "their" olim. Here, of course, there will have to be full coordination between all the corporations of all the area throughout the Diaspora, as well as between the corporations and the Israel government and business and professional communities.

The second task of the aliya corporations, no less important than the above, will be to set up educational programmes built around the people who plan to make aliya sooner or later or who wish to consider the idea seriously. Wherever possible, these programmes could be implemented at, or at least in cooperation with, existing institutions. It would offer mainly courses in modern Hebrew for all levels, and courses, lecture series and workshops in different academic and vocational fields, geared to the occupational plans and intellectual interests of the prospective olim. These programmes and their curricula should, of course, be planned with expert advice from Israel.

Needless to say, all the funds involved will be administered by the aliya corporations themselves.

WHERE WILL these funds come from? The initial and basic funds, at least, will come from the corporation members themselves. Where will they get the money? Simple. Once the WZO-Jewish Agency apparatus with its huge budget has been largely eliminated, much of the related fund-raising activity with its budget can be eliminated.

Whether these are voluntarily and rationally eliminated or not, the people who have decided to participate in the aliya corporations instead of continuing with their present, largely inert, Zionism will bail, or drastically reduce their donations and invest the balance in their corporation. The money thus invested will be administered at every stage according to sound banking and investment practices, so that the cause of aliya reaps maximal benefits and so that people who later decide to withdraw for any reason can, if they wish, get their money back with at least a certain minimal investment profit.

Once these corporations are functioning, I am sure that the Israel government and Diaspora Jewry's fiscal arm will find ways of supplementing their budgets without depriving any other vital cause.

Besides promoting a healthy aliya from which all concerned will only benefit, the implementation of the aliya corporation idea will have some salutary side effects. It will replace a political system and a system of collecting and administering funds whose corrupting effects on the fabric of society both in Israel and in the Diaspora have become all too obvious.

What remains of the much-curtailed and well-streamlined WZO-Jewish Agency will still have plenty of work to do, and it will be able to do it all the more efficiently with Diaspora Jewry's fully deductible contributions. To mention only what seem to me to be three major areas: There is the settlement department (though one may wonder whether the presence of two heads, the Labour veteran who has done a creditable job over the years and the Likud newcomer, has improved its efficiency); there is Youth Aliya, which, if depoliticized, comes to pass, will be able to do an even better job than the good one it has been doing; and there are, of course, the olim coming and, we all fervently pray, yet to come from countries where there is no foreseeable likelihood that the Jews will be permitted to establish aliya corporations.

IN THE DIASPORA, not only Zionism but Jewish communal life in general will get a new lease of life. I believe that the aliya corporations will draw many Jews who now have no direct interest whatever in aliya and who are on, or even beyond, the remote margins of the present Zionist structure and activity. As for those who will not be drawn even to the aliya corporations (probably the large majority of Diaspora Jews), they, too, will have to cease whatever ersatz activity they are now engaged in, activity made possible by the present organizational and fund-raising structure, and will have to start dealing more authentically with their expressions of Jewish identity and of identification with the reformed Jewish State. Left to their own resources, they will have no proxies or scapegoats.

Whatever is or is not done, however, many Jews will continue to wait in the Diaspora for the Messiah to come in God's Own good time and bring them home to Eretz Yisrael. Others will continue to entertain the illusion that they not only can but that it is even their destiny to build a healthy Jewish life in the Diaspora that is not centred on aliya, and that there will be a Diaspora even in the Messianic Era.

But perhaps the aliya corporation idea will help to speed the coming of the Messiah.

READERS' LETTERS

DR. GOLDMANN CLARIFIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I refer to Mr. Mark Segal's report in your issue of May 15 concerning my lecture at Tel Aviv University. It is, in my humble opinion, a distortion in a very refined way, by stressing certain parts of my statements and detaching others. I would therefore request you to publish the following clarifications:
1. The title of the report is misleading. I never claimed that "B-G prevented early peace" but stated — as Mr. Segal himself mentions in the text — that Ben-Gurion did not believe the Arabs wanted peace and that therefore all attempts would be useless. B-G naturally wanted peace and I always maintained that he was the greatest statesman Israel has had.

PAINTING THE SINAI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I refer to your article of April 5 about my plan to paint areas of the Sinai in blue, and the subsequent letters commenting upon it. Some totally incorrect information has been disseminated about it throughout Israel.
The artistic project, "Sinai peace junction," consists of working on some boulders with colours, marks and signs in a very concentrated area. The word mountain should never have been used in this context. The artistic and poetic work will symbolize peace between Israel and Egypt. If certain people consider this a violation of nature, I would be curious to know what they think of the constructions involving mines, petrol prospecting and other such works in the Sinai and the Negev.

ALIYA FROM AMERICA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Yosef Goell's article, "Money, Migrants and Israel" (April 18), criticizes Israel's frantic efforts to encourage aliya, and at times of attempting to buy olim by financial inducements which are ludicrous in the light of the standards of living of the American Jewish Community, and can often be counter-productive. But then the article concludes that if Israel does not succeed in solving the joint problems of inflation and housing, there will be little chance for any sort of voluntary aliya from the affluent West.
I would suggest that the modest "rights" given to the oleh is an attempt to cushion the traumatic inflation and high cost of housing. The idealistic oleh from "affluent America" is not often the affluent American Jew. The financial source of the little that is given to the oleh comes from the generous American Jewish community. And here I agree with Mr. Goell that American Jews should become more directly involved in Israel with the spending of these funds.

ARAB-BRITISH UNDERSTANDING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In Moshe Kohn's review of "The Arabs" (April 30), he omits to mention that the author, Peter Mansfield, is also a prominent member of CAABU (the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding), whose executives include Michael Adams and Christopher Mayhew, co-authors of "Publish it not."
The common interest the British members have with the Arabs is the furtherance of anti-Jewish propaganda. Therefore, one should not have to think too hard to name one of the areas while are in receipt of "unspecified" aid from Arab countries, when authors of factually distorted history books have no difficulty in finding publishers for the promotion of their prejudicial wares.

LAW REPORTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I wish to thank you and Mrs. Doris Lankin for the renewal, after a long interval, of her English Law Reports of the Supreme Court, which have been and will continue to be an important source of information here and abroad.
DR. RUDOLF GOTTSCHALK LL.M. Haifa.

Dry Bones



FIRST IMPRESSIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I came here as a new immigrant 10 weeks ago from Czechoslovakia. It has been a wonderful feeling of having become a free man twice at one stroke: as a Jew and as a human being. The warmth of welcome both in Vienna and Israel has been overwhelming. But there have been less joyful experiences. I'm not referring to the alarming rate of inflation, the steadily deteriorating economy, the decay of social forces in our society, the seemingly endless waiting for appropriate accommodations. I am referring to a minor problem.
Every place one goes, notices warn you to keep your eyes open and report suspicious objects. In view of the tremendous amount of rubbish and litter one sees everywhere, it is hardly possible to distinguish what is or is not a suspicious object.
I suggest a nationwide call for cleanliness, not for its own sake only, but for the sake of reducing the constant peril to our lives.
FERDINAND FRIEDMAN Ashkelon.

QUOTATION MARKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On April 24, one of our headlines on the front page read: "U.S. condemns 'barbaric' raid" when referring to the murderous attack in Nabariya. Why is the word "barbaric" put in single quotation marks? Wasn't the attack barbaric enough?
On the other hand, you write regularly about the murderous organization called Palestinian Liberation Organization end never put it in quotation marks, as it deserves to be. Is this really a liberation organization?
GIDEON OFER-ARIEL Jerusalem.

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